NAME AND ADDRESS OF DISTRIBUTOR OF TELEVISION CHANNELS: Athulya Info Media Private Ltd., Door No. 41/110C, Ammankovil Road, Near KSTRTC Bus Stand, Ernakulam, Kerala-682035.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OFFERED BY THE DISTRBUTOR OF TELEVISION CHANNEL

## 1. Definitions:

- a) "Addressable system" means an electronic device (which includes hardware and its associated software) or more than one electronic device put in an integrated system through which transmission of programmes including retransmission of signals of television channels can be done in encrypted form, which can be decoded by the device or devices at the premises of the subscriber within the limits of the authorization made, on the choice and request of such subscriber, by the distributor of television channels.
- b) "Authority" means the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India established under sub-section (1) of section3oftheTelecomRegulatoryAuthorityofIndiaAct, 1997.
- c) "A-la-carte" or "a-la-carte channel" with reference to offering of a television channel means offering thechannelindividuallyonastandalone basis.
- d) "Active subscriber" for the purpose of these regulations, means a subscriber who has been authorized to receive signals of television channels as per the subscriber management system and whose set top boxhasnotbeendeniedsignals.
- e) "Broadcaster" means a person or group of persons or body corporate of any organization or body that after having obtained, in its name, downlinking permission for its channels, from the Central Government, is providing programming services.
- f) "Bouquet" or "bouquet of channels" means an assortment of distinct channels offered together or as a group or as a bundle and all its grammatical variations and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly
- g) "Cable Service" or "cable TV service" means the transmission of programmes including retransmission of signals of television channels through cables.
- h) "CableTelevisionNetwork" or "cableTVnetwork" means any system consisting of a set of transmission paths and associated signal generation, control and distribution equipment, designed to provide cable service for reception by multiple subscribers.
- i) "Compliance officer" means any person designated so, who is capable of appreciating requirements forregulatorycomplianceundertheseregulations, by as ervice provider.
- j) "Customer premises equipment" or "CPE" means the components and accessories installed at the premises of the subscriber to enable the reception of broadcasting services related to television provided through addressable systems and includes cable wire, set top box, remote control for set top box, dish antenna, low noise block converter or any other equipment which may be necessary to receive broadcastingservices related to totelevision.
- k) "Customer care centre" means a department or a section or a facility established undersubregulation of regulation 25 by the distributor of television for addressing service requests, answering queries, recording of complaints, and redressal of grievances of consumers, by telephonic or electronic means or byany othermeans.
- I) "Free-to-air channel" or "free-to-air television channel" means a channel which is declared as such by the broadcaster and for which no fee is to be paid by the distributor of television channels to the broadcasterforsignalsofsuchchannel.
- m) "Lock-in period" with reference to subscription of a-la-carte channel or bouquet of channels, means a period of subscription during which a subscriber and the distributor of television channels offering the subscription, are restricted from discontinuing or altering the terms of the subscription of such channel or bouquet of channels.

- n) "Local cable operator" or "LCO" means a person registered under rule5 of the Cable Television NetworksRules, 1994andwhoisassociatedwiththeCompany.
- o) "Multi-system operator" or "MSO" means a cable operator who has been granted registration under rule 11 of the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 and who receives a programming service from a broadcaster and retransmits the same or transmits his own programming service for simultaneous reception either by multiple subscribers directly or through one or more local cable operators.
- p) "Network capacity fee" means the amount, excluding taxes, payable by a subscriber to the distributor of television channels for distribution network capacity subscribed by that subscriber to receive the signals of subscribed television channels and it does not include subscription fee for pay channel or bouquetof paychannels, as the case may be.
- q) "Nodal officer" means the officer appointed or designated by a distributor of television channels undersub-regulation(1) ofregulation28.
- r) "Programme" means any television broadcast and includes- (i) exhibition of films, features, dramas, advertisements and serials; (ii) any audio or visual or audio-visual live performance or presentation; and theexpression "programming service" shall be construed accordingly.
- s) "Pay channel" means a channel for which fees is to be paid to the broadcaster for its retransmission through electromagnetic waves through cable or through space intended to be received by the general public either directly or indirectly and which would require the use of an addressable system attached withthe receiversetofasubscriber;
- t) "Subscriber" for the purpose of these regulations, means a person who receives broadcasting services related to television from a distributor of television channels, at a place indicated by such person without further transmitting it to any other person and who does not cause the signals of television channels to be heard or seen by any person for a specific sum of money to be paid by such person, and each set top box located at such place, for receiving the subscribed broadcasting services related to television, shallconstituteonesubscriber.
- u) "Service provider" means the Government as a service provider and includes a licensee as well as any broadcaster, distributor of television channels, i.e. the Company or local cable operator.
- v) "Set top box" or "STB" means a device, which is connected to or is part of a television receiver and which enablesasubscribertoviewsubscribedchannels.

## 2. ProvisionofService:

- I. For availing the service of the Company, the subscriber shall fill in the Customer Application Form (CAF) in triplicate and submit the CAF to the LCO/the Company as the case may be. The subscriber shall ensure that the information stated in the CAF is and shall continue to be complete and accurate in all respects and the subscriber hereby undertakes to immediately notify the Company or its LCO of any changethereto.PhotoidentificationandAddressproofisalsotobesubmittedalongwiththeCAF,orel se the same shall be treated as an incomplete CAF.
- II. All incomplete CAFs shall be rejected by the Company or its LCO and the deficiencies shall be informed tothesubscriber.
- III. ThesubscribercanoptforanSTBundertheout rate purchase scheme as annexedatAnnexurel.
- IV. The subscriber shall have the option to select packages or channels on a la carte basis. The subscriber shall select the payment methodology and thepayment term on the same along with the STB details where the subscriber wants these channels to be activated. Upon receipt of the fully filled CAF and complete and correct in all respects, the channels selected by the

- subscriber shall be activated not later than 24 hours of its receipt.
- V. Neither the Company nor its LCO shall disconnect a subscriber without giving at least 15 days
  written
  priornotice.However,thiswillnotapplyifthesubscriberisfoundtobethecauseofpiracy.
- VI. The subscriber hereby agrees to allow the authorized representatives of the LCO/the Company to enter upon the Installation Address for inspection, installation, removal, replacement and repossession of the Hardware under the Terms hereof. This clause survives the termination until all the dues are paid and the Viewing Card ("VC") along with the STB owned by the Company is returned to the Company in satisfactoryworkingcondition.
- VII. The Cable Service and the license to use the VC shall be for personal viewing of the subscriber/s and for his family members only. No assignment of VC shall be valid unless the same is approved in writing by the Company. Subscriber shall not allow public viewing or exploit the same for commercial benefit or otherwise. Breach of this clause will result in termination of service and the subscriber shall also be liableto paydamages.
- VIII. The subscriber agrees and acknowledges that the VC has been merely licensed to the subscriber by the Company to avail the Channels for one TV set only and shall at all times be and remain the exclusive propertyoftheCompanyandthatthesubscriberhasbeenfullyexplainedandacceptsthatanyunauth orized relay or retransmission of the signal will constitute infringement of copyright of the content providers/owners/licensors thereof and will in addition to the termination of Service, attract civil and/or criminal liability underthelaw.
  - IX. All the terms and conditions including the provision related to the terms of service, tariff, rebates, discount, and refund shall be subject to the rule, regulation, notification, guidelines as may be specified by the Authority or as may be applicable from time totime.

## 3. Obligationsofsubscribers:

- I. Thesubscribersherebyundertakethefollowing:
  - I. Tomaketimelypaymentwithintheduedatesofpayments;
  - II. To use only such STB and apply only such VC issued for such STB, as specified by the Company, which are compatible with its network and registered in the name of thesubscriber;
  - III. To take proper care of STB/VC of the Company and intimate immediately in writing to the Company, in case of loss/misplacement of VC with or without STB;
  - IV. Not to use, either before or after the STB (except TV/PVD) of the Company is installed, any decoding, receiving, recording equipment(s) other than the equipment authorized and specified by the Company.
  - V. To keep STB/VC in good working condition, repair, replace STB from any agents or agenciesauthorized or nominated by the Company and not to remove or shift STB/VC from the subscribers' premises, withoutwrittenconsentoftheCompany;
  - VI. Not to replace, sell, assign, pledge, mortgage, lend, underlet, shift, remove, exchange, modify, alter, misuse or tamper with the STB including the seal (see to prevent opening of STB) and VC. Any such act by the subscriber shall be construed as willful and criminal omission and/or commission on the part of the subscriber in addition to breach of its obligation in thisagreement;
  - VII. To give all assistance which the Company may be reasonably expected toreceive, in connection withthis CAF terms;
  - VIII. Not to indulge in piracy or activities, which has the effect of, or which shall result into,

- infringement and violation of trade mark and copyright of the Company, broadcaster, transmitter or any other person associated with such transmission;
- IX. Not to distribute or redistribute signals from subscribers' premises to any neighboring premises;
- X. Subscriber shall not be entitled or transfer or assign its obligations and liabilities mentioned herein to any other person/party under any circumstances, without prior permission of theCompany;
- XI. The CAF terms are personal to the subscriber and right of the subscriber shall not be assignable or transferable by him in favor of a third party. Any transfer or assignment effected in contravention of the expressed provision contained herein shall not absolve the subscriber of itsobligation/liabilities;
- XII. Responsible for payment of all taxes, levies or charges, penalties, damage set etc. imposed or under anystatute, for the time being inforce.

#### 4. NodalOfficers:

- I. In case a subscriber is not satisfied with the redressal of complaint by the customer care centre, such subscriber may approach the nodal officer of the distributor of television channels for redressal of his complaint.
- II. Thenodalofficershall
  - a) registereverycomplaintlodgedbythesubscribers;
  - b) issue an acknowledgement to the subscriber within 24 hours from date of the receipt of the complaintindicatingthereintheuniquecomplaintnumber;
  - c) redress such complaints of subscribers within 48 hours from the date of receipt of the complaint and intimate the decision taken thereon in respect of such complaint to the subscriber.
  - d) Nodal Officer: Mr. Tipson George, Athulya Info Media Private Ltd., Door No. 41/110C, Ammankovil Road, Near KSTRTC Bus Stand, Ernakulam, Kerala-682035. Contact: 7593851809. Email: <a href="mailto:tipson@athulya.tv">tipson@athulya.tv</a>
  - e) Working Time: Monday to Saturday, 10.00AM to 6.00PM

# 5. Detailsofprovisionsforconsumerprotectionasspecified in the seregulations:

- I. PriceProtectionforadvancesubscriptionpayment
  - a. In case, the broadcasting services related to television have been availed by a subscriber with a lock-in period or the charges for subscription of broadcasting services related to television are paid in advance for a specific period by a subscriber in pursuance of any scheme offered by the distributor of television channels, the distributor shall continue to provide such services for such period to the subscriber without any increase in the price of subscription and without altering the other terms of subscription to the television channels.

# II. Temporary discontinuation of service

- Every distributor of television channels or its linked local cable operator, as the case may be, shall, upon receiving a request from a subscriber, temporarily suspend the broadcasting services related to television of such subscriber: Provided that such request shall be made by such subscriber at least 48 hours prior to the date of such suspension.
- o The distributor of television channels or its linked local cable operator, as the case may be, shall not charge any amount, except the rental amount for customer premises equipment applicable if it is provided to the subscriber under rental scheme as

- referred to in sub-regulation (8) of regulations, from the subscriber during the period of temporary suspension.
- In case broadcasting services related to television of a subscriber remain suspended continuously for a period exceeding Six months, such subscriber shall not be counted as an active subscriber of the distributor of television channels and it shall be permissible for the distributor to deactivate such subscriber from subscriber management system.
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   I, upon receiving a request from the subscriber, restore services within 48 hours.

## III. Disconnectionofservices

- Every distributor of television channels or its linked local cable operator, as the case may be, shall, upon request from the subscriber, disconnect the connection of broadcasting services related to television to such subscriber from the date indicated by the subscriber in his request, subject to fulfillment of the terms and conditions for providing services as agreed by the distributor and the subscriber, within seven days thereafter: Provided that the subscriber shall make such request for disconnection at least fifteen days prior to the requested date of disconnection.
- No distributor of television channels or its linked local cable operator, as the case may be, shall disconnect the broadcasting services related to television to a subscriber without giving a prior notice of at least fifteen days to such subscriber indicating the reasons for such disconnection and the period of fifteendaysshallbereckonedfromthedateofissueofsuchnoticeofdisconnectiontothesubsc riber.
- Thenoticefordisconnectionofbroadcastingservicesrelatedtotelevisionreferredinsubregulation (2) shall be communicated by the distributor of television channels, to employ other means of communicating the notice to the subscriber such as e-mail, bmailandothermethodsasmaybedeemedappropriate.

# IV. Termsandconditionsforbillingandpayment

- o The Company shall be offering our services on pre-paid modelonly
- The Company or its linked local cable operator, as the case may be, shall, in case of pre-paid payments, acknowledge such payments to the subscriber and ensure that the subscriber management system is updatedaccordingly.
- The billing cycle for pre-paid payment option shall be thirty days from the date of activation of services.
- V. The Company shall temporarily suspend the services of a prepaid subscriber in case of non-availability of balance amount in his prepaid account: Provided that in case the services of the subscriber remain suspended continuously for a period of Six months, such subscriber shall be deactivated from subscriber management system.
- VI. Relocation of connection In case a subscriber requests for relocation of his connection from one location to another location, the Company or its LCO, as the case may be, shall, subject to technical and operational feasibility, relocate the connection within a period of seven days from the date of receipt of such request: Provided that it shall be permissible for the Company or its LCO, as the case may be, to charge from such subscriber
  - anamount,notexceeding,rupees two hundred and fifty asinstallationchargeprescribedbythedistributor,incase, such relocation work involves dismantling of the out-door equipment of customer premises equipment from old location and reinstallation at new location.

- 6. Procedure and benchmark for complaint redressal:
  - The Company has established a customer Care Centreforaddressingtheservicerequests and complaints of its subscribers with following features:
  - I. Through Customer Care Centre: The Company has established a customer care centre, for addressing their customers' service requests and redressal of customers' complaints wherein: -
    - 1) A customer can call toll free "customer care number" 1800-212-5014 between 08:00 hrs and 22:00 hrs on all days of theweek.
    - 2) It provides the services in Malayalam and English.
    - The customer care centre, immediately upon receipt of a complaint from a subscriber, registers such complaint each time and allots a unique number to be called the docket numberand
      - a) at the time of registering of the complaint, communicates to the subscriber the docket number, date and time of registration of the complaint and the time within which the complaint is likely to be resolved; and
      - b) on resolution of the complaint, communicates to the subscriber, the details of the action taken on the complaint and also the name and contact number of the nodal officer for further redressal of complaint, if the subscriber is not satisfied.
    - 4) Time limit for redressal of complaints The Company or its linked local cable operator, as the case may be, shall adhere to the following time limits for redressal of complaints of thesubscriber.
      - a) all complaints shall be responded to within eight hours of receipt of the complaint: provided that complaints received after the office working hours shall be responded by the next workingday;
      - b) at least ninety percent of all 'no signal' complaints received shall be redressed and signal restored within twenty-four hours of receipt of suchcomplaint;
      - c) all complaints relating to billing shall be redressed within seven days of receipt of the complaint from the subscriber and refunds, if any, shall be made to such subscriber within thirty days of receipt of the complaint;
      - d) at least ninety percent of all other complaints not covered under clause (a) and clause (b) shall be redressed within forty-eight hours of receipt of suchcomplaints;
      - e) no complaint, except billing related complaints referred to in clause (c), shall remain unresolved beyond seventy-twohours.
  - II. Through Web based Management System: The Company has established a web based complaint management system, for addressing their customers' service requests and redressal of customers' complaints wherein:-
    - 1. Customer can log in the service request or complaint on the Company's webportalidentifying himself with his Account No. or MAC Id or Registered Mobile No and shall navigate further to register service request orcomplaint.
    - 2. It provides the services in Malayalam/Englishlanguage.
    - 3. The customer will be allotted a unique number to be called the docketnumber.
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- e) no complaint, except billing related complaints referred to in clause (c), shall remain unresolved beyond seventy-twohours.
- III. Through Nodal Officer:The Company has published the list of Nodal Officers on its website. In case a subscriber is not satisfied with the redressal of complaint by the customer care centre, such subscriber may approach the nodal officer for redressal of his complaint.

The Nodal Officer shall:-

- 1. register every complaint lodged by thesubscribers;
- 2. issue an acknowledgement to the subscriber within 24 hours from date of the receipt of the complaint indicating therein the unique complaintnumber;
- 3. redress such complaints of subscribers within 48 hours from the receipt of the complaint and intimate the decision taken thereon in respect of such complaint to the subscriber.
- IV. The Turnar ound Time for different parameters is as follows:
  - all complaints shall be responded to within eight hours of receipt of the complaint: Provided that complaintsreceivedaftertheofficeworkinghoursshall be respondedbythenextworkingday;
  - 2. at least ninety percent of all 'no signal' complaints received shall be redressed and signal restored withintwenty-four hoursofreceiptofsuchcomplaint;
  - 3. at least ninety percent of all other complaints not covered under clause (1) and clause (2) shall be redressed within forty-eight hours of receipt of such complaints.
- 7. ForceMajeure:If at any time, during the continuance of Service, the service is interrupted, discontinued either whole or in part, by reason of war, warlike situation, civil commotion, theft, willful destruction, terrorist attack, sabotage, fire, flood, earthquake, riots, explosion, epidemic, quarantine, strikes, lock out, compliance with any acts or directions of any judicial, statutory or regulatory authority or any others Acts of God, or if any or more channels are discontinued due to any technical or system failure at any stage or for any other reasons beyond the reasonable control the LCO or the Company, the subscriber will have anyclaimforanylossordamagesagainsttheLCOortheCompany.
- 8. Disclaimer: The LCOs/the Company will make reasonable efforts to render uninterrupted service to the subscriber and make no representation and warranty other than those set forth in the terms and hereby expressly declaim all other warranties express or implied, including but not limited to any impliedwarrantyormerchantabilityorfitnessforparticular purpose.
- 9. Limitation of Liability: LCO, Distributors, the Company and the employees thereof shall be not liable to the subscriber or to any other person for all or any indirect, special, incidental or consequential damage arising out of or in connection with the provision of the service or inability to provide the same whether or not due to suspension, interruption or termination of

the service or for any inconvenience, disappointment due to deprival of any programme or information whether attributable to any negligent act or omission or otherwise. Provided however the maximum liability of LCO or Distributor or the Companyforanyactualorallegedbreachshallnotexceedthesubscriptionpaidinadvanceforsuchdurat ionofservice, for which the subscriberhad paid in advance but was deprived due to such breach.

- 10.Indemnity: The Subscriber hereby indemnifies and hold harmless the LCO, from all the loss, claims, demand, suits, proceedings, damages, costs, expenses, liabilities (including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees) or cause of for use and misuse of the Cable Service or for non-observance of the TermsbytheSubscriber.
- 11.Jurisdiction: All disputes and differences with respect to these terms between the subscriber and the CompanyortheLCOshallbesubjectonlytothejurisdictionofthecourtsatErnakulam.
- 12.Miscellaneous:If any of the provisions of these terms becomes or is declares illegal, invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect and no failure or delay to exercise any right or remedy hereunder shall be construed or operate as a waiver thereof. Terms may be amended by the authority from time to time and shall be binding onall.

# **Annexure 1**

## **SET TOP BOX SCHEME:**

SI. No.	Set Top Box Plan Name	Security Deposit	Amount- SD	Amount – HD
1	Outright Purchase	NIL	Rs.1,100/-+ GST	Rs.1,100/-+GST

## General Terms and Conditions:

- 1. The Company reserves the right to change the price of the STB from time to time.
- 2. The STB purchased under this scheme is inclusive oftaxes.
- 3. The STB purchased under this scheme has a warranty of one year, which is applicable from the date of purchaseoftheSTB.
- 4. The warranty of one year is not valid in case the STB has been tampered with or damaged by the subscriber.
- 5. The ownership of the STB under this scheme vests with the subscriber.
- 6. Post the warranty period, the Company reserves the right to charge the subscriber for the repairs as per the rates to be announced by the Company from time to time.
- 7. In case subscriber requests for relocation of his connection from one location to another, it shall be in accordance with Regulations of The Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Standards of Quality of Service and Consumer Protection (Addressable Systems) Regulations, 2017.
- 8. In case of temporary suspension of broadcasting services related to television on request from a subscriber, it shall be in accordance with Regulation 12 of The Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Standards of Quality of Service and Consumer Protection (Addressable Systems) Regulations, 2017.