

# Competitive Cable & Video Services Act: Tennessee Public Utilities Commission Roles

Tennessee Public Utility Commission

John Hutton, Telecom/Utilities Consultant

Jerry Kettles, Director, Economic Analysis



# A Brief History

- Cable franchising historically a federal & local issue
- Prior to passage of Competitive Cable and Video Services Act of 2008, local governments were responsible for issuing cable franchises
- TPUC agency responsible for issuing franchises
- CCVSA allows for state-issued franchises
- Companies may opt to use local franchises



# TPUC Roles Under CCVSA

- Specific, limited roles
- Issue Franchises
  - Application procedures set by statute
  - Franchise terms set by statute
- Dispute Resolution

