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The National Association Of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors And The States Of California And Nevada Association Of Telecommunications Officers And Advisors Encourage All Communities Served By Adelphia Cable To Join In Support Of The Formation Of A Local Government Committee Before The Bankruptcy Court.

On June 25, 2002, Adelphia Communications and more than 200 of its subsidiaries filed for bankruptcy. The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) has joined the States of California and Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (SCAN NATOA) in an effort to seek the formation of a local government committee before the United States Trustee overseeing the bankruptcy proceeding.

On July 16, 2002, we sent a letter to Mr. Randall Fisher, General Counsel of Adelphia, soliciting Adelphia's support before the United States Trustee to appoint a local government committee. On July 22, 2002, SCAN NATOA hosted a meeting in Anaheim, CA, between interested Local Franchise Authorities of Adelphia (LFAAs) and Adelphia's Chairman, Erland Kailbourne. That meeting provided an opportunity to openly discuss our issues and concerns with Mr. Kailbourne and Mr. Fisher. At that time and in discussions that followed, it was indicated that Adelphia would respond to our written request, and further that if support for the formation of the committee was not forthcoming, that the response would at least be neutral as to the formation of such a committee. Subsequently, on August 15, 2002, Mr. Fisher responded to the NATOA/SCAN NATOA letter and indicated that Adelphia would remain neutral (neither support nor oppose) on the formation of a local government committee.

The reason for the formation for a local government committee is clear – there will otherwise be no representation before the United States Trustee with respect to the needs and interests of local government or our constituent subscribers. Bankruptcy law provides, in some circumstances, for the formation of “committees” of parties sharing like interests in a bankruptcy proceeding. If the United States Trustee appointed an official committee of local government entities, the bankruptcy estate, i.e., Adelphia, would pay the professional fees incurred by the committee.

As a result of a motion filed by one other local government, a hearing has now been scheduled on September 17, 2002, regarding the formation of a local government committee. There are fourteen jurisdictions in California that will be joining that motion.

We need your support now! We have available a proposed Resolution which has been forwarded to LFAAs. We believe that there is a clear need for the formation of such a committee, and provide additional information in support of such a motion on our respective web sites – www.natoa.org and www.scannatoa.org. The Resolution was the vehicle chosen by SCAN NATOA to formally establish the membership of the LFAA group before the Trustee.

It is respectfully requested that your jurisdiction formally adopt the proposed Resolution. Your expression of support and participation as a member of the Local Franchising Authorities with Adelphia (LFAA) will help to clearly identify the need for the LFAA before the United States Trustee.

Upon adoption of the proposed Resolution, it is further respectfully requested that a copy of the signed Resolution be mailed/faxed/e-mailed to: Joe Hreha, Deputy Director, Community Services Department, City of Simi Valley, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 93063, Phone (805) 583-6755, Fax (805) 583-6301, jhreha@simivalley.org. Mr. Hreha has volunteered to be the repository for the adopted Resolutions, to provide copies to our LFAA representatives, and to periodically publish an e-mail list of the members who have joined the LFAA on the SCAN NATOA and NATOA list serves.

It is respectfully requested that your jurisdiction's adoption of the Resolution take place as soon as possible. We are hoping to have identified all LFAA members before September 17, 2002. We would like to present these Resolutions to the United States Trustee at or before the September 17, 2002, hearing date on the motion filed by the County of Port St. Lucie.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of SCAN NATOA and NATOA, thank you for taking the time to participate in this endeavor. Hopefully, working together will help us to protect our local governments, our residents, and all Adelphia cable television subscribers impacted by the Adelphia bankruptcy case.

Should you have additional questions, or require assistance, please contact Lori Panzino at (909) 387-9600, lpanzino@sdd.sbcounty.gov or Libby Beaty at (703) 506-3275, lbeaty@natoa.org.

The July 16, 2002 Letter to Adelphia; the August 15, 2002 Reply from Adelphia and the Proposed Resolution are available on the NATOA and SCAN NATOA websites at www.natoa.org and www.scannatoa.org.