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NATOA Responds to FCC Vote on Jurisdiction and Franchising Authority

Alexandria, VA – The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) reacts to the oral vote of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on the Video Franchise Item in Docket 05-311. NATOA's Executive Director, Libby Beaty, responded to the news of the vote: "Today the FCC played Scrooge to local governments when they changed the agency from a regulatory to a legislative body. Unfortunately, unlike Scrooge, it's highly unlikely the FCC will see the error of its way absent court or Congressional intervention. We will look forward to providing them both opportunities."

We will respond to the entirety of the Commission's order when it is released and available for thorough review.

NATOA promotes community interests in communications. NATOA is a national trade association based in Alexandria, VA representing local government jurisdictions and consortiums, including elected and appointed officials and staff, who oversee telecommunications and cable television franchising.

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