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### **Local Governments File for Reconsideration and Request Stay of Rules**

Alexandria, VA – The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) today joined other national associations representing local governments across the nation in requesting the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reconsider and stay the rules adopted in the *Second Report and Order* in the Video Franchise Docket 05-311. The Request for Stay and Petition for Reconsideration point out the inconsistency in rationale and policy between the *Second Order* and other Commission precedent and publicly stated goals. NATOA's Executive Director, Libby Beaty, stated that "just like the Grinch, I'm hoping some hearts and minds can be changed in this most auspicious of seasons. And, just in case they are not, we're encouraged to know that the US Court of Appeal for the Sixth Circuit will be providing some clarification in the coming months."

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 communications and cable television franchising.