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LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

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**Re: Updated on Interconnection of PEG Stations
between Verizon and Incumbent Providers**

Dear Mayor:

This is an update to our letter of September 22. This issue involves carrying PEG channels on all cable systems serving a municipality regardless on which system the programming originates. For more background on this see the League's Cable Television Resource Center at http://www.njslom.org/cabletv_resource.html

On October 15 the BPU issued two orders relative to the interconnection of PEG channels; the first ordered the interconnection of Verizon and Cablevision and the second ordered the interconnection of Verizon and US Cable. The parties have 30 days to submit an acceptable alternative agreement to the BPU or they are bound by the order to interconnect within 90 days.

The full text of the orders is available at the BPU web site <http://www.state.nj.us/bpu/agenda/orders/>

This still may not be the end of this issue as the New Jersey Cable Telecommunications Association and their members have sued the BPU in federal court asserting the requirement for interconnection is preempted by federal law.

Equipment note for Cablevision service areas: Cablevision is moving its PEG channels to the digital format. While the move is the subject of some controversy, the best advice for your residents without digital TVs, who are served by Cablevision, is for them to get the free digital converter available from Cablevision before the December 31 deadline. Please pass on this information to your residents subscribing to Cablevision service.

There will be a related Annual League Conference session covering this and many other telecommunications issue. The session is titled "Update and Forecast on Telecommunications Issues" and is scheduled for Wednesday November 19 at 2:00 PM in room 401 of the Atlantic City Convention Center.

Very truly yours.

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director