PUBLIC HEARING
October 23, 1989

A Public Hearing was held by the Elkton Town Council October 23, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: B. B. Holt, R. B. Hutton and L. C. Life. R. E. Davis, H. W. Leap and R. L. Snow were absent. Norma Leap, Clerk was also present.

Louis Johnson was the only citizen present. Others present were Randy Murphy of the Valley Banner, Sharon Brown of the Daily News-Record and Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Price of Adelphia Communications Corporation.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment from persons within the area of the Town's cable television franchise concerning (1) the future cable-related community needs and interests, and (2) the performance of Adelphia Communications Corporation under its current franchise to provide cable television to the community. This is the first step in the proceeding to formally consider renewal of the existing franchise.

Mr. Johnson had no comments on the cable service.

Councilwoman Life presented a complaint from Mr. Grover Flick of Jackson Avenue. He reported that when he has a complaint, he generally has to try three or four hours to get through to Adelphia as the telephone constantly rings busy. He feels the service is generally poor, the cable company should remove Commonwealth Cablevision's lines from the poles, too many channels are duplicated and the people should have a voice as to which channels are to be added.

Mr. Kitchen stated that they have contracted to have the old Commonwealth cable taken down and this should begin about the middle of November. He also pointed out that Adelphia would be happy to hear any comments regarding channels the users would like to have, or not have. He indicated if there appeared to be a lot of concern, the company would consider the possibility of taking a poll of their users.

Mr. Joe Price, Adelphia's Regional Manager for Virginia, stated that channels are usually selected by looking at a cross section of service available and considering how programs stack up on the national surveys.

Mr. Kitchen also stated that within the past few weeks their telephone system has been changed and they have now doubled their capacity.

As no other citizens were present to present comments, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

MAYOR: Charles E Dean
Charles E. Dean, Mayor

RECORDER: Norma R Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk