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ROBERT E. SMITH
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 28, 1985

For Commission Meeting of:
March 7, 1985

To: Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission

From: Bob Smith, Executive Director

Subject: PREVAILING WAGE RATE REPORT - TOUCHE ROSS & COMPANY

Touche Ross has reported that sufficient data has been collected to establish wage rates for construction positions used by the Franchisee. However, their efforts to obtain sufficient responses from cable television contractors and labor organizations appear only partially successful and, thus, request more time to build a valid database for the wage rates of all of the contractor positions.

The problem of too few responses of contractors surfaced last year, and even with assistance of the local contractors and labor organizations this year, there may still be insufficient data. Several contractors and labor organizations have promised responses, but as of Thursday, February 28, 1985, they have not arrived. Touche Ross has made several follow-up calls over the past week, and, because of the importance of these responses to the determinations, Touche Ross wishes to wait one more week before finishing their report. Therefore, the presentation at the March 7th meeting will cover only methodology and analytical procedures, and the final wage determinations will be available by March 15, 1985.

As a reminder, Touche Ross & Company, as the Commission appointee, is solely responsible for establishing the 1985 Wage Rates and their wage determinations are not subject to review or approval by your Commission.

Lastly, the attached letter from William Meehan, Business Manager of the Sacramento Sierra's Building and Construction Trades Council, questions the establishment of position classifications by contractors. As the determination of position classifications for the Prevailing Wage Rate Study is the responsibility of the Franchisee and our consultants, it is recommended that this letter be referred to Touche Ross and Sacramento Cable Television for their review, comment, and recommendation.

Therefore, it is recommended that you hear Touche Ross & Company's presentation on the 1985 Prevailing Wage Rates and refer the letter of Mr. William Meehan to Touche Ross for comment.

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SACRAMENTO-SIERRA'S BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

(Sacramento, Yolo, Amador, Placer, El Dorado, Nevada and Sierra Counties)

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February 19, 1985

Mr. Bob Smith, Executive Director
Sacramento Metropolitan Cable
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Organized labor has, from the signing of the original franchise, been particularly upset with the ambiguous wording used in describing the "Prevailing Rate Standard".

The interpretations have consistently allowed the contractors to arbitrarily establish classifications which prevent any established union contractor from effectively bidding on the work.

Therefore, if in the process of changing the franchise that modification or renegotiation is being considered, then I believe our input is just to once and for all put the issue to rest.

Very truly yours,

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