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## **NC Senate Approves Full Exemption: Action Marks Successful Resolution for the City of Salisbury**

Salisbury, NC\_May 3, 2011 – This afternoon, the NC Senate approved a full exemption for the City of Salisbury's community broadband system. This news follows a previous full exemption for Salisbury delivered by the NC House of Representatives. The City of Salisbury serves as a local communications provider, currently offering cutting-edge broadband (internet), television, and phone services.

Mayor Susan Kluttz proclaims, "This is an outstanding result for our city and it is extremely important for our citizens to understand that this is a successful resolution. We are very pleased that our investment is safe and secure." Following consultation with City Attorney Rivers Lawther and City Communications Attorney Jim Baller, the Salisbury City Council voted unanimously on March 15 to seek a full exemption from the bill. Deputy State Treasurer T. Vance Holloman also provided the House and Senate Finance Committees with an analysis of the bill and offered his recommendation for Salisbury's full exemption.

NC Senate and House approvals mark the end of four years of legislation by the cable industry to target community broadband systems. Previous bills of this nature have died in legislative committee. Mayor Kluttz states, "After four years, this issue is now successfully resolved for the City of Salisbury. We would like to thank our local delegation for their leadership in securing this exemption." Following House and Senate approval, bills approved by the NC General Assembly travel to the Governor for her signature or veto.

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