

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** May 3, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: “Renewal of Cable Television Franchise of Comcast Cablevision of the District, LLC and Transfer of Control Approval Act of 2002”

**REFERENCE:** Draft Legislation - No Bill Number Available

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

**Background**

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to provide the necessary Council approval to renew the Cable Franchise Agreement (CFA), an agreement between the Government of the District of Columbia and Comcast Cablevision for the provision of cable television services in the District. This bill would also approve the transfer of control at the parent company level from Comcast Corporation to AT&T Comcast Corporation. If passed, the proposed bill would renew the CFA for ten years and authorize the Chairman of the Council to sign the CFA on behalf of the Council.

**Financial Plan Impact**

The Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications (OCTT) would implement the proposed legislation and the CFA on behalf of the government of the District of Columbia. No additional staff or resources will be required.

OCTT has been and would continue to be funded entirely through the "Cable Television Special Account", an O-type fund separate from the District's local General Fund, which captures revenue generated from fees paid by cable franchises operating in the District. Because the proposed legislation does not change OCTT's funding structure, there would be no fiscal impact on the District's General Fund in FY 2003 through FY 2006.