

**118th Annual AT&T Shareholders Meeting Savannah, Georgia – June 11, 2003 - Comments and Question to AT&T CEO Dorman by Steve Tisza, President CWA Local 4250, Chicago**

“ My name is Steve Tisza. I am an AT&T shareholder, retiree and President of CWA Local 4250 in Chicago.

Fellow shareholders, ladies and gentlemen. I bring before you an issue of vital importance to all of us. Over the past two years, AT&T has transferred programming responsibility for the great majority of its computer systems and applications offshore, to contractors. This means that a single programmer, who is not a U.S. citizen, is not an AT&T employee and is working from an offshore location has the ability to sever and/or manipulate vast amounts of the AT&T communications network.

The potential risks are staggering. One individual can potentially interrupt, monitor and/or manipulate military, utility company, banking, and transportation and emergency services communications. Imagine what would happen to the stock price and customer loyalty if AT&T were found to be at fault in such a catastrophe?

By January 2002, AT&T had off shored over eighty (80) computer systems, including all of primary network maintenance, switching and engineering systems. All remaining computer applications were to be moved offshore by the end of this year. The work has primarily been moved to offshore outsourcers in India and China. A catastrophe is waiting to happen! It would not take a jet loaded with fuel to shut down Wall Street. A single offshore contractor, provided access to the network by AT&T, could do the same thing from a computer terminal!

I, and others, have known about these risks for fifteen (15) months. In that time, we have pleaded with AT&T to work with us to identify and repair any potential security breaches. We have told AT&T repeatedly we have no desire to harm the company. AT&T has responded with silence and intimidation. It is sadly ironic that AT&T feels its own employees and retirees are greater security risks than foreign offshore contractors!

Our duty as U.S. citizens must take priority over our loyalty to AT&T!

When Mr. Dorman responds he will tell you the AT&T networks are secure. He will in effect say, ***Trust Me***. Normally, you would have no reason not to. As a fellow American you would expect him and the company he manages to care as much about Homeland Security as you and I. Mr. Dorman will also tell you he cannot share any network security details due to security reasons.

Finally, why should you trust me? I am not asking you to. However, you may view all of the documentation that supports my comments at the Local 4250 web site at: <http://www.cwalocal4250.org/outsourcing>. After reading the documentation, I believe you will agree with me that an accounting of AT&T network security is necessary.

Mr. Dorman, over 40 years ago, I took one step forward and pledged my allegiance to the United States of America when I was inducted into the United States Army.

My question to you Mr. Dorman is: Are you ready to pledge your allegiance to America, AT&T shareholders, employees and retirees that AT&T will immediately cease all offshore outsourcing and bring all of our jobs back to the United States of America for the sake of our Homeland Security?"

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