

Sunday, April 28, 2002 – Washington, DC

TO: All Members, Retirees, Activists and LNS Employees

SUBJECT: NBC REFUSES TO AIR LOCAL 4250 30 SECOND SPOT

I became aware of the attached [letter](#) from Christopher W. O'Flinn, Vice President AT&T Employee Relations dated April 19, 2002 upon my return to the local union office on Tuesday, April 23, 2002.

On Monday, April 22, 2002, without prior notification to me, NBC – Chicago Channel 5 *preempted* our 30-second spot and ran another spot in our place. On Friday, April 26, 2002, while on my way to Washington, DC to a contract explanation meeting, NBC faxed me notification that *NBC 5 was unable to accept our Commercial copy*. No reasons were given as to why.

Members, Retirees, Activists and LNS Employees who have a concern about *Freedom of Speech and First Amendment Rights* may express their views to AT&T CEO C. Michael Armstrong at mikearmstrong@ems.att.com

Fight Back:

**Steve Tisza, President
CWA Local 4250**



April 19, 2002

Steve Tisza, President, Local 4250
Communications Workers of America AFL-CIO
806 N. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60610

Dear Mr. Tisza:

It has come to our attention that you are planning to run a commercial on NBC on April 22, 2002.

This is to advise you that certain statements contained in this commercial pertaining to AT&T are false and, as such, will cause AT&T substantial harm if broadcast.

Specifically,

1. The subcontractors in question would have had no access to AT&T's core network nor performed any work for government customers;
2. Network maintenance would not be done outside the United States; and
3. We have ceased training outside contractors for contingency planning purposes.

These are facts. To publicly misrepresent this situation as a network security issue is both irresponsible and damaging to AT&T.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris O'Flinn".

Christopher W. O'Flinn
Vice President

cc: Ralph Maly

STEVE TISZA, PRESIDENT
LOCAL 4250/5050, C.W.A.

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