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Bristol, CT, April 10, 2008, On *March 15, 2005* a formal request was sent to the Comcast Cable Company for a live drop to be placed at City Hall in the Bristol City Council Chambers to enable the City to televise their Council meetings and other interactive events LIVE.

According to the Franchise Agreement that Comcast held with Nutmeg Public Access Television, Inc. Bristol was entitled to a three free drops and the City decided they would like one at City Hall. According to the Agreement, Comcast agreed to install these LIVE return lines as long as the municipality requesting it demonstrated a need involving the provision of public, educational or government access video programming. Comcast would then have eighteen (18) months advance notice for installation of said line.

Harking back to 1996, then Councilman Art Ward made first consideration for the LIVE line as a probability for town council meetings. Now, currently the Mayor of Bristol, Ward is excited about the possibilities a live line brings to the community.

To get the ball rolling Joanie McCauley, Executive Director for Nutmeg TV discussed this information with City Councilman Craig Minor the then Bristol appointment to PACTAC (Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory Council) which is the advisory council to the cable company serving area towns including Bristol. Minor worked with McCauley, Comcast and other City department officials to see the LIVE line thru to completion.

Comcast sent formal notice that the construction of the project was completed allowing for the origination of PEG (public, education and government) access programming from the City Council Chambers. Protocol initiatives were put into place by McCauley, Ward and Minor to ensure that the use of the line would be monitored appropriately.

Testing was recently completed in April and May 13th will be the first LIVE televised meeting to come out of the City Hall in the City's history. The meeting will be LIVE on Nutmeg TV's Government Channel 21 at 6:45 p.m. All meetings will also be videotaped for recable casting on Friday's and Sundays at 6:00 p.m. on Channel 21.