



Let The People Vote

Top 3 reasons to "Let the people vote" on the proposed LUS fiber optic plan:

1. It's enormously expensive
2. The potential for failure is high
3. We already have it

BREAKING NEWS : Question and answer session cancelled. LUS refuses to reschedule event. [Read more.](#)

COMMERCIAL AVAILABLE : "100 Million Good Reasons" Click [here](#) to watch it.

LINKS OF INTEREST : Click [here](#) to see what others are saying about government involvement in the broadband business.

"Laissez le peuple voter!"

"... Before that can be determined, the people must have all the facts before them, and be willing to take the time to evaluate the program and all the arguments for and against it. We again urge honest debate, with accurate information put before the citizenry. Then, it is imperative that taxpayers thoughtfully and thoroughly evaluate the implications of the proposal, and make their opinions known to government.

If the expansion goes forward, it will be one of the most far-reaching steps taken by Lafayette in its history. The public has an obligation to the community and its future to explore the issue thoroughly, develop an informed opinion, and make its will known."

Lafayette Daily Advertiser, May 30, 2004

The proposed LUS fiber optic plan and the enormous \$100 million debt that it will create will have long-lasting effects on our community. It is a fact that this system will provide identical services that are already available from a number of sources. Contrary to claims made by proponents of this plan, the issue is not about competition. Competition already exists for every service that is being contemplated.

Residents of Lafayette can get multichannel video from cable and satellite providers with competition between them growing fiercer every day. Internet services of many different speeds are available to individuals or businesses in the City of Lafayette who want it from numerous sources, both broadband and dial-up. Likewise, multiple sources of local telephone service are currently available from traditional providers, broadband providers, and wireless companies. Soon there will be even more choices for local telephone service, just as there are for long distance service.

This is a very expensive proposition with an uncertain outcome of monumental proportions. Just because LUS and their backers say they can provide lower rates doesn't make it so. The public has a right to full-disclosure of the facts. Then they can, using good common sense, decide whether the plan is based in fact or fiction. Let Lafayette City-Parish government know that you want to be able to exercise your right as an American citizen to self-determination. Ask them to "Let the people vote," or as we say in Acadiana, "Laissez le peuple voter!"

For your convenience, we have created a "click and send" letter that you can direct to your City-Parish council member. Also available is their snail mail address and the phone number to their office should you wish to contact them directly. Thank you for your interest in letting the people be heard.

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