

# WOOL100.1 fm

BLACK SHEEP RADIO

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Dear Rockingham Select board,

We understand that you are meeting with Adelphia this week to discuss their contributions to our community.

On behalf of our many individual and organizational members, the Great Falls Community Broadcasting Company submits this report of our experience interacting with Adelphia, and looks forward to any assistance your board can give us.

The story began when early organizers Tony Elliott, Russ Capron, and Ira Wilner sent a letter to Adelphia in February 2004 inquiring about space on their tower on Fall Mountain, and the plan was set in place. In good faith, and with great optimism, we looked forward to what we thought would be a lengthy but manageable negotiation towards our goal so that we could get our equipment set up in the time limit imposed by the Federal Communications Commission, which is late this summer.

However, in the last year, we've had quite a bit of difficulty in communication with Adelphia personnel, ranging from our inability to get telephone calls or e-mail letters answered, to being continually bumped from person to person in the corporate hierarchy. Frankly, all of us involved in organizing this community radio station are busy professionals who would prefer to spend our time producing local radio shows than dealing with these types of corporate stumbling blocks.

We did get their attention completely when we submitted an objection to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York City and one of Adelphia's lawyers very quickly responded to us, and when WOOL member Michael Obuchowski contacted Adelphia's lobbyist in Montpelier with questions about why Adelphia had sold out the space on the tower we had reason to believe was going to be leased to us for our antenna. But we are still having great difficulty getting attention and answers.

For your information, we have been told by Adelphia lawyers Lisa Birmingham and Jeffrey Fialky and Randy Powell at Adelphia's tower management company that the decision is in Mr. Jablonsky's hands.

At this time, we have invited Adelphia to become a Founding Organizational Member of Great Falls Community Broadcasting by providing space on its tower on Fall Mountain for one year at no cost to our organization. After that, GFCBC would be

pleased to begin paying Adelpia the \$300 per month we have negotiated thus far.

We recently received notification that our application for federal non-profit status has been approved, so we are an official 501 (c) (3) corporation.

We would be grateful if the Rockingham Select board would bring these difficulties up with the Adelpia representatives at your February 15th meeting. We would all appreciate a higher level of responsiveness from Adelpia than the Great Falls Community Broadcasting Company has experienced in the past year.

Our license has a time limit attached to it, and any help that a municipal official can give us in getting this process back on track would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

The board of directors of Great Falls Community Broadcasting Company

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