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Re: Docket No. 020604-TX

Dear Ms. Bayó:

By this letter, Sphera Optical Networks N.A., Inc. ("Sphera") notifies the Commission that Sphera has filed bankruptcy protection under chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, Sphera respectfully requests that the Commission write off the 2001 Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF), as the Company has no funds to pay such fee. Sphera further requests that its authority to provide telecommunications services within the State of Florida be cancelled. Since Sphera is not currently providing telecommunications service in Florida, no subscribers will be affected by this cancellation.

By way of background, Sphera was authorized in Florida to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services pursuant to Commission order dated September 14, 2000 in docket 001424-TX. Due to adverse developments in the telecommunications industry, Sphera filed for bankruptcy protection on February 11, 2002 with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (*see* Case Nos. 02-51607 and 02-51611). A copy of the Notice to Creditors is enclosed.

Sphera's withdrawal from the telecommunications services market in Florida is necessary and reasonable given the Company's dire financial situation. Moreover, the withdrawal will not adversely affect the public convenience and necessity. As mentioned, Sphera does not have any subscribers in Florida; therefore, there will be no harm to the general public in the State.

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An original and six (6) copies of this letter are enclosed. Kindly date stamp and return the enclosed extra copy of this letter. If you have any questions concerning this notice, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (202) 945-6922.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen L. Greenan

Counsel for Sphera Optical Networks N.A.,
Inc.

Enclosure

cc: Paula J. Isler (Florida Commission)
Scott Ryan (Sphera Optical Networks N.A., Inc.)
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FORM B9F(Alt.) (Chapter 11 Corporate Partnership Case)(9/97)

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Case Number 02-51607

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

District of New Jersey (Trenton)

Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case Meeting of Creditors & Deadlines

A Chapter 11 bankruptcy case concerning the debtor corporation listed below was filed on 2/11/02.

You may be a creditor of the debtor. This notice lists important deadlines. You may want to consult an attorney to protect your rights. All documents filed in the case may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below.

NOTE: The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

See Reverse Side For Important Explanations.

Debtor (name(s) and address):

Sphera Optical Networks N.A., Inc.
110 Fieldcrest Ave, 7th Floor
Edison, NJ 08837

Social Security Number(s)/Taxpayer ID(s):
B-13-4124982-5 (Sphera Optical Networks N.A., Inc.)

United States Bankruptcy Judge:
Honorable Morris Stern

Attorney for Debtor (name and address):
David H. Wollmuth
Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch, Esqs.
500 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10110

Attorney for Debtor(s)
Telephone number: (212) 382-3300

Meeting of Creditors

Date: 04/04/02 Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Room 129, 1st Floor, United States Courthouse, 402 E. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608-1507

Deadline to File a Proof of Claim

Proof of Claim must be received by the bankruptcy clerk's office by the following deadline:

For all creditors (except a governmental unit): 07/03/02

For a governmental unit: 180 days from date of order for relief. 11 U.S.C. § 502(b)(9)

Creditors May Not Take Certain Actions

The filing of the bankruptcy case automatically stays certain collection and other actions against the debtor and the debtor's property. If you attempt to collect a debt or take other action in violation of the Bankruptcy Code, you may be penalized.

Address of the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office:

United States Bankruptcy Court
District of New Jersey
402 E. State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608-1507

For the Court:

Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court:
James J. Waldron

Business Hours:

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