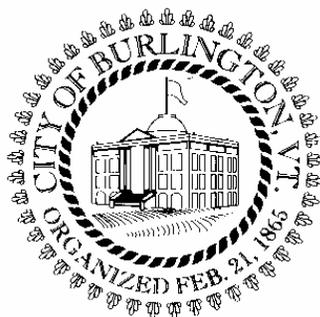


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STATEMENT OF MAYOR BOB KISS ON BURLINGTON TELECOM REPORT

December 10, 2010. The City is reviewing the Larkin report and will fully respond once that review is completed. The report deserves a thorough review of its assumptions, claims, and conclusions.

The City has received the comments of Public Service Department Commissioner David O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien's statements are irresponsible, inaccurate and inappropriate. Mr. O'Brien attended the Dec 8 status conference with the PSB at which the City discussed its plans for BT's future. Burlington Telecom is cash flow positive and is in serious discussions with a number of strong financial partners about the process of acquiring replacement equipment to address the termination of the CitiCapital Lease agreement.

Mr. O'Brien's statements are clearly intended to be harmful to this effort as well as Burlington Telecom as an enterprise providing vital services to residents and businesses in the City. The City is actively engaged in addressing BT's financial status and CPG with the intent of preserving Burlington Telecom as a telecommunications and economic asset.