



Request Details

Tracking Number : FCC-2017-000825	Submitted Date : 07/18/2017
Requester : Mrs. Ruthann Caudill	Perfected Date : 07/20/2017
Organization : N/A	Last Assigned Date : 07/20/2017
Requester Has Account : No	Fee Limit : \$25.00
Email Address : (b) (6)	Request Track : Simple
Phone Number : [Redacted]	Due Date : 08/31/2017
Fax Number : N/A	Assigned To : (b) (6)
Address : (b) (6)	(Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau)
City : [Redacted]	Last Assigned By : Nancy Stevenson
State/Province : [Redacted]	(Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau)
Zip Code/Postal Code : [Redacted]	

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- Admin Cost
- Assigned Tasks
- Comments (1)
- Review

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public : No	Request Perfected : Yes
Request Track : Simple	Perfected Date : 07/20/2017
Fee Category : Other	Acknowledgement Sent Date:
Fee Waiver Requested: No	Unusual Circumstances ? : Yes
Fee Waiver Status: N/A	More time is needed to allow coordination with Media bureau.
Expedited Processing Requested : No	Litigation : No
Expedited Processing Status : N/A	

Request Description

Short Description : Documents and complaints regarding the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Dear FOIA FCC, Please send me documents that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or Corporation of the Church have requested and been approved by the FCC for media. They have in their direct possession or in the possession of prominent Mormons all the media in and around Utah. IRS, FBI and other Mormons are in important areas in the Federal Government. You might understand my concerns. The Tribune which used to be anti-Mormon has been acquired and is combining with Chicago Tribune. Please send me Tribune's information, also. I have filed Whistleblowers in SEC and have complained through the FTC. I have two IRS Whistleblowers against the Church. One is against The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and one is against the Corporation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for illegal actions including voter fraud and trying to establish a Theocracy. Please send the amount of land and other assets that are acquired with the FCC approval of the Church or Corporation of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints or the Trib This email is being sent to the US Attorney and other interested parties. Please include the name of who processed the requests of the Church or Tribune. Please include any supervisor who needed to approve the request. Please send me the rules of FCC. My understanding from the rules online is that the Mormons have violated a great many rules. Please send me any infractions that the Mormons have had in regards to FCC complaints. Please send me complaints and reports that I have sent the FCC and who the reports and complaints went to. Please send me the Florida based company Mobilehelp FCC approval. They claim that they have FCC and FDA approval. The bottom of the unit with the FCC number is FCC ID PXTWBS-01 and the sticker says Mobilehelp made in Malaysia. Please send me any complaints that you have had about this company and how you have processed complaints with regards to Mobilehelp and lack of 911 calls.

Description Available to the Public : No	Has Description Been Modified? Yes	1980/2000
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Dear FOIA FCC, Please send me documents that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or Corporation of the Church have requested and been approved by the FCC for media. They have in their direct possession or in the possession of prominent Mormons all the media in and around Utah. IRS, FBI and other Mormons are in important areas in the Federal Government. You might understand my concerns. The Tribune which used to be anti-Mormon has been acquired and is combining with Chicago Tribune. Please send me Tribune's information, also. I have filed Whistleblowers in SEC and have complained through the FTC. I have two IRS Whistleblowers against the Church. One is against The

Additional Information

Key Words or Phrases : ^Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints

Attached Supporting Files

No supporting files have been added.



Federal Communications Commission
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Washington, D.C. 20554

CGB

August 31, 2017

Ruthann Caudill

(b) (6)

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FOIA No. 2017-825

Dear Ms. Caudill:

This letter responds to your recent Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) and assigned to the Consumer & Governmental Affairs ("CGB"), Enforcement, and Media Bureaus and the Office of General Counsel ("OGC") and the Office of Engineering & Technology (OET). Among other things, you are seeking the following information:

- Documents that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (the Church) have requested and been approved by the FCC; documents regarding the Church and the Chicago Tribune; documents regarding the land and other assets that are acquired with the FCC approval of the Church; any infractions that the Mormons have had in regards to FCC complaints; complaints and reports that you have sent the FCC and who the reports and complaints went to; complaints regarding the Florida based company Mobilehelp; and rules about how the FCC operates.

We are responding to your request electronically.

CGB conducted a search of the databases in which we maintain the records of informal complaints filed by, or on behalf of, consumers. Our search identified one complaint responsive to your request about Mobilehelp. None of the other bureaus or offices listed above identified any responsive documents. As far as how the FCC operates, this information is publicly and routinely available through the FCC's internet website at www.fcc.gov. Please note that FOIA requires the agency to produce documents in response to requests; it does not require the agency to answer questions. *See, e.g., Jean-Pierre v. BOP*, 880 F. Supp. 2d 95, 99 (D.D.C. 2012) (concluding that request for objective pieces of information are not "cognizable under FOIA, because they ask questions calling for specific pieces of information rather than records.") You do not have to file a FOIA request to obtain information which is routinely available for public inspection. Please be advised that the FOIA requires us to provide only non-routinely available information. *See* 47 CFR sections 0.453, 0.455.

Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(8) of the Commission's rules, you have been classified for fee purposes as category (3), "all other requesters." As an "all other requester," the Commission assesses charges to recover the full, reasonable direct cost of searching for and reproducing records that are responsive to the request; however, you are entitled to be furnished with the first 100 pages of reproduction and the first two hours of search time without charge under section 0.470(a)(3)(i) of the Commission's rules.¹ Based on your classification as an "all other" requester, the FCC does not charge you for the first two hours of search time and the first 100 pages of copying. The production in response to your request is electronic, and did not involve more than 100 pages of duplication. Therefore, you will not be charged any fees.

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.² You may file an application for review by mailing the application to Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov. Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as "Review of Freedom of Information Action" and the application should refer to FOIA No. 2017-825.

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an application for review to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

FOIA Public Liaison
FCC, Office of the Managing Director,
Performance Evaluation and Records Management
445 12th St SW,
Washington, DC 20554
FOIA-Public-Liaison@fcc.gov

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's Office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS

¹ 47 CFR § 0.470(a)(3)(i).

² 47 CFR §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 CFR § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

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Sincerely,



Nancy Stevenson
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Consumer Policy Division
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau

Attachment

#1696957 Mobilehelp Fall/Movement Necklace/911/contact

Submitted	Received via	Requester
June 11, 2017, 1:03 AM	Web Form	(b) (6)

Status	Type	Priority	Group	Assignee
Closed	-	-	Emergency	(b) (6)

Complaint Internal Status	Company Name	Emergency Type	First Name	Last Name	State
General Inquiry	Other	Other	(b) (6)		Virginia
Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue	Phone (where you can be contacted)	Address 2	
22203	2:46 PM	May 7	(b) (6)	1501	
Type of Emergency (other)			Address 1	City	
Mobilehelp contact center/fall detector necklace			(b) (6)	Arlington	

(b) (6) Jun 11, 1:03 AM

My Mom, (b) (6) was wearing a Fal/motion Detection Necklace when she fell and died. There was no call to 911.

I have requested all the records and voice recordings to determine what happened but Mobilehelp will not give me any.

Someone in Tech said that fall should have generated a 911 call and they were sorry. That call might have saved my Mom's life.

Please help.

(b) (6) Jun 12, 7:13 AM

Thank you for filing a complaint with the FCC's Consumer Help Center. Congress granted the FCC general regulatory authority over certain communications services contained in the Communications Act.

While we appreciate the concerns expressed in your complaint, we regret that we are unable to take action on your complaint at this time, because the issues raised do not fall under FCC regulatory authority.

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Request Details

Tracking Number : FCC-2018-000151	Submitted Date : 11/23/2017
Requester : Caitlin Russell	Last Assigned Date : 11/28/2017
Organization : N/A	Fee Limit : \$25.00
Requester Has Account : Yes	Request Track : Simple
Email Address : 45971-	Due Date : N/A
(b) (6) @requests.muckrock.com	Assigned To : (b) (6)
Phone Number : N/A	(Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau)
Fax Number : N/A	Last Assigned By : Nancy Stevenson
Address : 411A Highland Ave.	(Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau)
Dept. 45971	
City : Somerville	
State/Province : MA	
Zip Code/Postal Code : 02144	

- Submission Details
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Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public : No	Request Perfected : No
Request Track : Simple	Acknowledgement Sent Date:
Fee Category : Media/Educational	Unusual Circumstances ? : No
Fee Waiver Requested: No	Litigation : No
Fee Waiver Status: N/A	
Expedited Processing Requested : No	
Expedited Processing Status : N/A	

Request Description

Short Description : All complaints about news programs on stations and affiliates that are owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group

To Whom It May Concern: This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records: -All complaints about news programs on stations and affiliates that are owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires. Sincerely, Caitlin Russell

Description Available to the Public : No	Has Description Been Modified? Yes	201/2000
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Additional Information

Key Words or Phrases : ^Sinclair Broadcast Group

Attached Supporting Files

No supporting files have been added.



May 26, 2017

FOIA Officer
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room 1-A836
Washington, D.C. 20554-0004

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, Allied Progress requests access to and copies of all complaints received by the Federal Communications Commission regarding, involving or mentioning Sinclair Broadcast Group or any of its subsidiaries or stations since January 1, 2015.

If possible, I would prefer to receive this information electronically via e-mail at karl@alliedprogress.org. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me at (855) 253-7747.

Fee Waiver Request

Allied Progress requests a waiver of fees associated with processing this request for records. The subject of this request concerns the operations of the federal government, and the disclosures will likely contribute to a better understanding of relevant government procedures by the general public in a significant way. Moreover, the request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes.

Allied Progress requests a waiver of fees because disclosure of the requested information is “in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding” of government operations and is not “primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” The disclosure of the information sought under this request will document and reveal the operations of the federal government, including how public funds are spent and how officials conduct the public’s business.

There is significant public concern over the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcast Group and Tribune Media. This request seeks to obtain information on Sinclair Broadcast Group’s behavior and actions to better inform the public regarding the consequences of the proposed merger.

¹ Sydney Ember and Michael J. de la Merced, “Sinclair Unveils Tribune Deal, Raising Worries It Will Be Too Powerful,” *The New York Times*, May 8, 2017.

This request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes. As a project of a 501(c)(3) organization, Allied Progress does not have a commercial purpose and the release of the information requested is not in Allied Progress's financial interest. Allied Progress's mission is to give voice to hard-working Americans by standing up to Wall Street and other powerful special interests and holding their allies in Congress and the White House accountable. Allied Progress will use the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. Allied Progress will also make materials it gathers available on our public website.

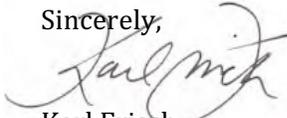
Accordingly, Allied Progress qualifies for a fee waiver.

Conclusion

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. Additionally, if any documents are withheld based on the Agency's interpretation of any exemption, we request that you provide an index of those documents as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 415 U.S. 977 (1974). Specifically, this *Vaughn* index should describe withheld documents with enough specificity to determine whether the material is exempt under the act and must describe each document or portion withheld.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl Frisch", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Karl Frisch
Executive Director
Allied Progress



Federal Communications Commission
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Washington, D.C. 20554

CGB

June 27, 2017

Karl Frisch
karl@alliedprogress.org

FOIA No. 2017-685

Dear Mr. Frisch:

This letter responds to your recent Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) and assigned to the Consumer & Governmental Affairs ("CGB") and Enforcement ("EB") Bureaus. You are requesting copies of all "all complaints received by the [FCC] regarding, involving or mentioning Sinclair Broadcast Group or any of its subsidiaries or stations since January 1, 2015." We are responding to your request electronically.

CGB conducted a search of the databases in which we maintain the records of informal complaints filed by, or on behalf of, consumers. Our search revealed approximately 86 complaints that are responsive to your request, which are attached. EB informed CGB, a one page document responsive to your request was withheld under Exemption 7(A), which authorizes the withholding of "records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes [the production of which] could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings." The document relates to a pending investigation and premature release of the document could interfere both with the orderly adduction of evidence in that investigation and a negotiated resolution of the matter.

This record is also withheld under Exemption 7(D), which protects "records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes [the production of which] could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a state, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis." The source of the withheld document requested anonymity and the release of the document in whole or in part might reveal the identity of the person or entity that provided the document to the Commission.

We have determined that it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure would harm the Commission or the Federal government's law enforcement activities, which Exemption 7 is intended to protect.

The FCC receives many complaints and comments that do not involve violations of the Communications Act or any FCC rule or order. Thus, a complaint or comment does not necessarily indicate any wrongdoing by any individuals or entities named in the complaint or comment. The attached complaints represents information provided by the public that has not been verified by the FCC.

Record responsive to your request were withheld or redacted under FOIA Exemption 6.¹ Exemption 6 protects files containing personally identifiable information disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Balancing the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy, we have determined that release of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Therefore, all FCC employee's names, complainant's addresses, and the complainant's telephone numbers were redacted under Exemption 6

FOIA and FCC rules require the FCC to charge requesters for time spent searching for and reviewing responsive documents, and for copying them." Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(5)-(7) of the Commission's rules, you have been classified as category (2), "educational requesters, non-commercial scientific organizations, or representatives of the news media."² As an "educational requester, non-commercial scientific organization, or representative of the news media," the Commission assesses charges to recover the cost of reproducing the records requested, excluding the cost of reproducing the first 100 pages. The production in response to your request is electronic, and did not involve any duplication. Therefore, you will not be charged any fees.

You have requested a fee waiver pursuant to section 0.047(e) of the Commission's rules.³ As you are not required to pay any fees in relation to your FOIA request, the Office of the General Counsel, which reviews such request, does not make a determination on your request for a fee waiver.

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.⁴ You may file an application for review by mailing the application to Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov. Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as "Review of Freedom of Information Action" and the application should refer to FOIA No. 2017-685.

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an application for review to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

² 47 CFR § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

³ 47 CFR § 0.470(e).

⁴ 47 CFR §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 CFR § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

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National Archives and Records Administration
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ogis.archives.gov

Sincerely,


Nancy Stevenson
Deputy Chief
Consumer Policy Division
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau

Attachments

Ticket: # 1422310 - Deletion of Settle ABC affiliate/Local Broadcast Fee

Date: 1/27/2017 9:01:51 PM

City/State/Zip: Kirkland, Washington 98033-8828

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier Communications ceased to carry Seattle ABC affiliate KOMO-TV on the evening of December 31, 2016, in a contract dispute with station group owner Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. In addition to depriving me as a Frontier FiOS subscriber from access to ABC programming and local content from KOMO, they continue to charge the same "Broadcast TV Surcharge" of \$1.99 per month.

[Ticket: # 1060973 - Political Unfair Content](#)

Date: 6/29/2016 11:26:51 AM

City/State/Zip: Mobile, Alabama 36605

Description

Complaint was filed with Sinclair Broadcasting and WPMI on June 29, 2016:

Dear WPMI and Sinclair Broadcasting:

Re: Complaint about your daily "dose" of Mark Hyman and his extreme right wing anti Obama and anti Hillary Clinton and anti-non-discrimination laws of the United States.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

You are Licensees of the Federal Communications Commission. As such, you are required to provide fair and accurate and "both sides" of political, social, and other news topics.

Your daily broadcast of the Mark Hyman segment DOES NOT fit those fairness doctrines. This segment contains

1. Multiple misstatements of fact,
2. Misrepresentations of federal law,
3. Extremely slanted political views without answer opportunities,
4. Highly inflammatory "examples," IE: "Your 14 year old daughter will be housed with a 14 year-old boy without taking into account her concerns!" (June 29, 2016) that are false, designed to incite, and do incite extreme political reactions. and which "examples have no basis whatsoever in fact.
5. Are carefully designed to elicit political support for conservative and regressive political views over progressive political views.
6. Are carefully staged so as to appear as statements of fact from experts, while no such expertise exists.
7. Allow NO and invite NO contrary views.

I demand that you immediately:

1. Cease these unfair broadcasting practices while using public airways under your licenses,
2. That you immediately report to the FCC your violations and this complaint, as well as others received,
3. That you surrender all of your licenses for intentional and knowing violation of FCC fairness rules and guidelines.

I may be and wish to be contacted for further discussion.

Please acknowledge receipt of this complaint.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)



Mobile, Alabama 36605

(b) (6)

Ticket: # 1065822 - News Distortion**Date:** 7/1/2016 5:01:42 PM**City/State/Zip:** Bowling Green, Kentucky 42103**Company Complaining About:** Sinclair Broadcasting, Wear-tv 3, Pensacola, Fl

Description

We are coming upon the anniversary of this nation's independence. It is the time to rejoice in the freedoms we have in the US that other countries do not have. As a part of that, the freedom of the press is imperative. It is the mechanism to maintain the republic. If government is transparent to the press, democracy breathes. The less transparent government becomes the more democracy loses its ground. Power of the press keeps government on their toes. It is an essential function in American life. In order to preserve that, no person should control the truth.

SBGI's mission statement reflects that necessity:

We produce compelling, engaging, informative newscasts. Our stations hold public officials accountable, asking the tough questions that our viewers would ask. Our newscasts have stories that make a difference. The key to our success is content choices. Our goal is simple: We alert, protect and empower our audience on all platforms.

WEAR Channel 3, Pensacola, a Sinclair Broadcasting station, under the oversight of JC Lowe, has been strong armed by local corruption. The Escambia County Sheriff is currently under investigation by the State Attorney's Office for misappropriation of LET funds. Sheriff Morgan has quashed the cover of this issue. There is no news coverage of any of the Sheriff's questionable activities including the bullying of a local little league coach over a campaign sign. That was not covered. Mr. Lowe being "buddies" with Sheriff Morgan has become more important than the mission of Sinclair Broadcasting.

The following are links to articles that are of significance within the community that Sheriff Morgan has strong armed out of the news through WEAR.

<http://pulsegulfoast.com/2016/06/escambia-sheriff-under-fire-over-controversial-donations>

<http://cjsstreetreport.blogspot.com/2016/06/morgan-misused-letf-funds-for-billboards.html>

<http://www.pnj.com/story/news/local/escambia-county/2016/06/21/state-attorneys-office-reviewing-ecso-charity-efforts/86173366/>

<http://www.panhandlepolitico.com/escambia-news/put-it-back-county-overrules-sheriffs-removal-of-rival-campaign-sign/>

These are just a few of the articles. There are more and yet WEAR has declined to air any story that might show Morgan in a bad light in campaign season. This is a perversion of journalistic integrity. The people of Escambia County are being willfully misled by the misinformation on this candidate's handling of their money. That really should be considered an attempt to rig the election.

There is a demographic that openly advocates on social media to boycott anything to do with this station. The ripples of this will be felt for years to come and local information is less likely to held to the standard of news for the local people. If they cannot trust what is being shown as news in the form of stories about someone's cat, why are they taking up space in the area? Locals are going to the press outside the Pensacola market. Seems this station has either outlived its effectiveness as a point of info for the region or is this a mis-step that can be corrected? Unfortunately, I believe it is the former. Maybe that is Mr. Lowe's intent--to make the station is non-functional in order to close it. That would be a hardship within this, because people like my mother want to be able to see Sue Straughn and Bob Solarkski every night, because these people have established trust over the years, but Mr. Lowe is taking their integrity within the community down with it.

Shouldn't that be a part of the mission statement--undermining of the station and anchors connection to the community? I no longer live in the community but as it is my hometown, I watch the news and keep up with things online and via social media. Mr. Lowe has made Channel 3 irrelevant. Just something to think about.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Crusader, Blogger, Activist

Ticket: # 1097954 - Station Delayed evening news to avoid airing negative comments against Trump!

Date: 7/22/2016 3:53:24 AM

City/State/Zip: Eugene, Oregon 97403

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

Thursday Night at 11:30PM when the news should be ending KVAL TV 13 CBS, and KMTR TV 16 NBC both owned by Sinclair Broadcasting there was a game show on KVAL TV followed by News at 11:30 instead of 11pm! Yet on ABC KEZI TV 9 the news aired at 11pm on time followed by the Jimmy Kimmel Show on time as well.

Why do I say this was politically motivated because this is the same station that crafted a "News Advertisement" that was nothing but a pro Donald Trump advertisement. Both Stations KVAL & KMTR are owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group. Both have very critical satire about Donald Trump on Late Night Shows...is it a coincidence that both of the stations had to delay the news by over a half hour? I doubt it. I question it because of the earlier attempt to provide Donald Trump free ads and violate the equal time provisions under the law. Especially since other stations show the News and late night programs without delay or any issue.

Ticket: # 1109664 - Continuing problems With KVAL TV Channel 13

Date: 7/28/2016 7:24:26 PM

City/State/Zip: Eugene, Oregon 97403

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting Group

Description

Since the last complaint June 22 about the station pre-empting the late evening news with a TV game show "Wheel of Fortune" and delaying the late evening news until after 11:30 and not showing "the Late Show with Steven Colbert" in any complete form except the last 20 minutes. This is because of the political leanings of either Sinclair Broadcasting, the Station Manager, or the Program manager as they also created a supposed "news Promotion" which contained nothing but Donald Trump's campaign visit to Eugene, and the announcer being silent when Trump was speaking. The individuals involved are showing their political bias and curtailing discussion by not showing "the Late Show with Steven Colbert". The station has not made any announcement as to why this has happened, they make no statement explaining their actions during the time the news should be on, or anytime afterwards.

This I fear is just the tip of the problem since the FCC allowed Sinclair Broadcasting to buy 3 local TV stations and they now monopolize the market.

I do not feel Sinclair Broadcasting Group is operating in the public interest, but to push their political agenda forward.

Ticket: # 1120206 - Loud Commercials

Date: 8/4/2016 12:50:30 AM

City/State/Zip: Freeland, Washington 98249

Description

KOMO Channel 4 (ABC) Seattle, Washington owned by Sinclair Broadcasting is raising the sound levels of commercials to a painful degree. Please direct them to rectify this obnoxious practice by adhering to FCC regulations.

[Ticket: # 1141151 - conversions of broadcast spectrum](#)

Date: 8/16/2016 12:02:09 PM

City/State/Zip: Elmwood, Illinois 61529

Description

Quincy Media has reportedly transferred control of broadcast licenses including WHOI at Peoria, IL to Sinclair Broadcast Group for eventual auction sale. This transfer was reportedly done without need for FCC approval because it was a "swap" and not a "sale", but I disagree, in that other non-spectrum consideration was involved. Quincy Media has stated intent to air the ABC programming it will vacate from WHOI ch. 19 on a subcarrier of its local WEEK channel 25, to join the NBC programming it airs there. This is of great concern in that digital channel allocations are generally supportive of only a single signal in full HD quality. Quincy further intends to continue airing CW programming on 25 on yet another subcarrier. This is entirely contrary to the intent of the digital conversion, which promised to improve broadcast quality and provide for a greater variety of programming. Are broadcasters now to be allowed to simply stack multiple major networks onto a single channel, and then sell off the others, leaving viewers with poor quality and none of the promised additional choice? That promise has already been broken by the lack of forthcoming additional programs, and some which were offered, such as full-time local weather, have been dropped- perhaps in anticipation of this kind of a payday?

Ticket: # 1375292 - Frontier Communications and Sinclair Broadcasting Dispute

Date: 1/1/2017 8:35:39 PM

City/State/Zip: Sherwood, Oregon 97140

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

I would hope that the FCC can intervene to advocate for consumers of Frontier Communications cable services. I have been with Frontier for less than a year and am appalled that the local ABC affiliate has been removed from their channel lineup. Frontier is indicating Sinclair Broadcasting is demanding an increase of 200% in order to carry KATU the local ABC affiliate in Portland OR. This channel is now blacked out. Frontier is indicating Sinclair is unwilling to negotiate a new deal with fair rates. It is unacceptable that I pay a very high monthly fee for expanded cable, premium channels, internet and phone through Frontier and I can no longer watch a major network due to this issue. And, just switching to Comcast (as Sinclair is suggesting) would be very difficult given I am locked into a multi-year contract. Can you please step in and get them to settle this issue?

[Ticket: # 1378198 - Sinclair/Frontier Carriage Dispute](#)

Date: 1/3/2017 6:44:50 PM

City/State/Zip: Newberg, Oregon 97132

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Please consider reviewing and intervening in the current carriage dispute between Frontier Communications and Sinclair Broadcasting over the carrying of the ABC stations in Portland, OR and Seattle, WA. Both sides are doing nothing to resolve the issue and it is detrimental to the local communities where local competition is already slim.

[Ticket: # 1379206 - Local network ABC negotiations dispute](#)

Date: 1/4/2017 12:45:44 PM

City/State/Zip: Tigard, Oregon 97224-4538

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

I would like help in settling a dispute between Sinclair broadcasting company and frontier cable TV. They have been disputing over a 200% increase for front tier communications to carry the ABC affiliate and the two sides have not been able to negotiate the difference

Ticket: # 1380398 - Frontier and KATU Portland

Date: 1/4/2017 7:24:24 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97008

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier and KATU's owner, Sinclair Broadcast Group, are in a dispute over the broadcast rights. The cable provider says Sinclair wants a 200 percent increase for KATU (Channel 2) and other channels. I just don't see how they can pay them as it is to KATU's benefit to have more viewers to see their commercials. They are not a cable company and charge for their viewing as you can get them with an antenna. We enjoy recording everything with the DVR Frontier provides so we can time shift and see it when we are available. My wife and I are almost 80 and we dropped Comcast when it went from \$200 to \$249 in 2 months. We pay \$98 plus tax and the same thing with Comcast would have been \$218. We did this last July 2016. We do not want to go get an antenna and then disconnect our Frontier to watch KATU then hook it back up for Frontier. I understand you intervened before and had them settle this dispute in another area. I think them making the Cable company pay the broadcast companies is not right as it only affects the consumer.

Ticket: # 1380803 - Frontier - Sinclair dispute

Date: 1/4/2017 11:47:39 PM

City/State/Zip: Everett, Washington 98208

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

As of January 1, 2017, Frontier has stopped carrying ABC in the Seattle and Portland areas due to a dispute with Sinclair Broadcasting. From what I've read, Sinclair has increased their fee by 200%. This seems outrageous but I don't know the whole story. I don't feel that the consumer is well served if a cable company can't or won't carry local or major networks. I could switch to Comcast like a lot of people are doing but I feel that I would be circumventing the problem by succumbing to higher and higher fees. I feel that Comcast needs the competition from Frontier in this market to avoid a monopoly.

Ticket: # 1381180 - Sinclair broadcasting group Price gouging Frontier communications

Date: 1/5/2017 11:38:57 AM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98021

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Seattle Licensee, Llc Licensee Address: C/o Miles S. Mason, Pillsbury Winthrop S 1200 Seventeenth Street, Nw Washington, Dc 20036 2026638195 [phone]

Description

I subscribe to Frontier communications and always watch Sinclair Broadcast group/KOMO4/ABC. Apparently Sinclair is telling Frontier to Pay up a rate hike of 200% from previous rate increases. I feel this is an unacceptable rate increase and stand with Frontier in not paying this increase. I know Sinclair has a right to make a profit but this is price gouging and not acceptable. I feel that Sinclair's ownership of KOMO4 is not in the communities best interest.

Ticket: # 1381992 - REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF COMMUTER RAIL TRANSIT AS POTENTIAL RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

Date: 1/5/2017 3:59:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group, Cockeysville, Md 21030

Description

ACCORDING TO THE DESCRIPTION BELOW, THE STATION IS FAILING "TO OPERATE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST", AS REQUIRED BY FCC RULES.. THEY ARE VIOLATING FCC RULES BY FAILING TO ACCEPT AND MATERIALLY CONSIDER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMPLAINANT, THE ISSUES DISCUSSED.. A "CLEAR AND PRESENT NEED" EXISTS FOR WCIV TO OPERATE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND INVESTIGATE WHETHER THE CONDITION EXISTS AS DESCRIBED AND WHETHER THE SOLUTION(S) AS OUTLINED BY THE COMPLAINANT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE, PRACTICAL, AND ACHIEVABLE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS..

since the fall of 2015, I have attempted to contact wciv-tv channel 4, charleston, many times about the potential for a commuter rail service in the Charleston tri-county region.. I have emailed reporters, news managers, the station manager and the parent co., sinclair broadcast grp., cockeysville, md 21030, without reply.. there has been no reply.. charleston is a rapidly expanding region and traffic congestion is outpacing the resources to handle it.. a commuter rail system would reduce highway traffic along I-26 from downtown Charleston to Summerville, sc.. commuter rail would not only reduce congestion, but rail passengers would by-pass highway gridlock due to normal traffic, accidents closing multiple lanes, construction, and the occasional pursuit of criminals by law enforcement, where the fugitive abandoned a vehicle and began to run across lanes of traffic, possibly in oncoming lanes.. rail passengers instead would arrive at their destination on time, without stress or special concerns.. I don't understand wciv's reluctance to engage me by email, postal mail or personal contact.. why do they hide under their desks? do they reject the existence of traffic congestion? they provide daily maps of traffic delays on their newscasts, yet do not dignify my inquiries with even a polite "no thank you".. why? what is wciv's "angle" in ignoring my requests to merely hear my side and possibly air an interview on their newscast? i do not demand that any interview be aired, merely recorded and held until the time is best for showing to viewers.. all I propose is an investigation into whether commuter rail might be a good idea to relieve traffic woes: the political process, borrowing of money, appointment of a state-sanctioned governing board to oversee the project, construction, property acquisition, defense of lawsuits, seeking of loans and grant moneys from state and federal govts., public hearings to allow comment.. this is not intended to be a comprehensive, definitive statement, just an opening description of an inquiry as to the efficacy for commuter rail and informal views on how to assess the need and how it might be pursued within public forums, govt, funding and thru consultations with organizations who analyze communities as to growth and requirements for transportation on roads and other means..

[Ticket: # 1382192 - Frontier cable dropping Katu \(local ABC programming\)](#)

Date: 1/5/2017 4:52:45 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97007

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier cable has dropped KATU our local ABC affiliate while in negotiations with Sinclair Broadcast Group. This is a major inconvenience for all Frontier subscribers. On top of this they are not letting current subscribers out of their contracts (they are not lowering price either) leaving subscribers with no good alternative. This was done abruptly and not with good business PT. At the very least this station should be carried for paying customers while negotiations persists.

Ticket: # 1384180 - Major network broadcast channels dropped by Frontier Communications

Date: 1/6/2017 4:38:15 PM

City/State/Zip: Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier Communications has dropped all Sinclair Broadcast channels including ABC from their FIOS TV channel lineup and offered customers NO reduction in monthly charges or reasonable accommodation.

Ticket: # 1384295 - Frontier and Sinclair Broadcast Group dispute

Date: 1/6/2017 5:21:22 PM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97229

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

I have left messages with Frontier Communications and Sinclair Broadcast Group, owner of ABC affiliate KATU Ch 2 here in Portland, OR. As a result of their internal dispute over \$\$ or ?, Frontier and/or Sinclair has canceled all CH 2 programming. This is outrageous...both companies are causing their customers, of whom I am one, distress at not being able to receive ANY CH 2 programs. Please take action by getting these two organizations to resolve their issues so that programming is restored. Thank you!

[Ticket: # 1384869 - Frontier Communications and Sinclair](#)

Date: 1/7/2017 12:49:18 AM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97229

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier recently dropped local station, KATU, which is owned by Sinclair Broadcasting Group, from its lineup. Frontier will not give customers refunds or allow customers to opt out of contact even though they are not providing agreed upon services.

[Ticket: # 1387968 - frontier communications took one of our local channels \(ABC\) from our service.](#)

Date: 1/9/2017 8:04:14 PM

City/State/Zip: Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier took our local ABC network away due to contract dispute with Sinclair Broadcasting that wants to raise prices to Frontier and make them add channels that no one wants to watch. So we as customers get taken for a ride and we're sure sick of it. Sinclair also owns our Portland, Oregon station KATU. We want our local channel back ABC...Chan. 2 KATU now. Why does Sinclair get to CONTROL this fiasco and make all the decisions. They need to get their hands slapped and fined.

Ticket: # 1391708 - Frontier Communications - Dropped ABC

Date: 1/11/2017 4:23:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98012

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier communications is unwilling to negotiate with Sinclair broadcasting meaning we no longer get ABC, a channel we would get for free with bunny ears.

[Ticket: # 1393146 - ABC not available on Frontier anymore](#)

Date: 1/12/2017 12:31:25 PM

City/State/Zip: Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier and Sinclair Broadcast Group say they are in dispute over pricing for ABC / KATU in Portland, Oregon area (and some other channels), so ABC - KATU are no longer available to Frontier customers in Portland and Washington County. I have contacted both companies. They each blame the other and no progress appears to have been made in negotiations. It is unacceptable to not have access to ABC, one of the major channels. What can the FCC do about this?

Thank you.

Ticket: # 1649885 - Sinclair-Tribune Merger

Date: 5/17/2017 1:33:58 AM

City/State/Zip: Durham, North Carolina 27713

Company Complaining About: Sinclair-tribune Merger

Description

I am a concerned citizen and media consumer, and I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media. The merger would violate the FCC principles of diverse programming and local control. It is concerning that one company would own broadcast networks that reach over 45% of the country. Sinclair has also repeatedly violated the principles of fairness by presenting one-sided--and typically false--news segments that confuse voters. Please reject Sinclair's bid to purchase Tribune Media. Thank you for taking my call.

[Ticket: # 1649971 - I am AGAINST the Sinclair bid to buy Tribune Media](#)

Date: 5/17/2017 7:51:01 AM

City/State/Zip: Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

To whom it may concern at the FCC, I am a concerned citizen and media consumer, and I am writing to say that I am AGAINST the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media. The merger would violate the FCC principles of diverse programming and local control. It is concerning that one company would own broadcast networks that reach over 45% of the country. Sinclair has also repeatedly violated the principles of fairness by presenting one-sided—and typically false—news segments that confuse voters. Please reject Sinclair's bid to purchase Tribune Media. Thank you for taking my call.

Ticket: # 1651471 - Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media merger

Date: 5/17/2017 3:13:05 PM

City/State/Zip: Raleigh, North Carolina 27612

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

Hi, I am a concerned citizen and media consumer, and I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media. The merger would violate the FCC principles of diverse programming and local control. It is concerning that one company would own broadcast networks that reach over 45% of the country. Sinclair has also repeatedly violated the principles of fairness by presenting one-sided—and typically false—news segments that confuse voters. Please reject Sinclair's bid to purchase Tribune Media. Thank you for looking out for democracy.

Ticket: # 1652458 - Merger

Date: 5/17/2017 10:00:10 PM

City/State/Zip: Goldsboro, North Carolina 27534

Company Complaining About: Time Warner

Description

Hi, I am a concerned citizen and media consumer, and I am calling to express my opposition to the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media. The merger would violate the FCC principles of diverse programming and local control. It is concerning that one company would own broadcast networks that reach over 45% of the country. Sinclair has also repeatedly violated the principles of fairness by presenting one-sided--and typically false--news segments that confuse voters. Please reject Sinclair's bid to purchase Tribune Media. Thank you.

[Ticket: # 1379733 - Frontier Communications vs Sinclair Broadcast](#)

Date: 1/4/2017 3:14:41 PM

City/State/Zip: Aloha, Oregon 97003

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Do to how much money Frontier Communications should or should not pay Sinclair Broadcast has ended a no win for tv viewers. I live in Portland Metro, Oregon and- as of 1 January 2017- can no longer see ABC shows-KATU channel. There must be a way to settle this issue.

[Ticket: # 1385335 - Frontier and Sinclair Broadcasting contract](#)

Date: 1/7/2017 4:15:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97008

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Sinclair Broadcasting has been holding Frontier customers hostage for a week with their demand for a ridiculous 200% fee increase. Sinclair has been so tone deaf to the actual marketplace that they have told Frontier customers to seek other providers. It is not their place to control the marketplace with such tactics. The locations they are punishing with these tactics trend toward the liberal side of the aisle. Are they punishing us? Politics should not enter into simple entertainment but I do wonder. Please enter the negotiation and fix the problem.

Ticket: # 1404392 - Complaint regarding Frontier Communications and local ABC affiliate

Date: 1/19/2017 12:13:36 AM

City/State/Zip: Snohomish, Washington 98296

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

December 31 our TV provider, Frontier Communications, dropped our local ABC affiliate (KOMO 4, owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group). No updates have been provided or communicated to Frontier customers and when we call the company the customer service reps do not know anything about it. I feel that the national broadcasting networks should not be dropped ceremoniously from TV providers. Please aid these companies in coming to an agreement so that customers can get their network programming back.

Ticket: # 1432658 - Insufficient negotiations between Frontier and Sinclair Broadcast.

Date: 2/2/2017 4:56:02 PM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98012-7248

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

It has been over a month now since the talks have broken down. That is too long to keep holding the subscribers hostage. I believe that the FCC should step in and get this moving. over 30% of what we watch on Frontier TV feed is on KOMO a Seattle based Sinclair Broadcast station. As we are not allowed to put up external antennas in our residence due to neighborhood covenants. We are being blocked from viewing a local broadcast station.

I believe that this should cause the FCC to intervene.

[Ticket: # 471095 - I'm with Dish Network, Sinclair in underhanded](#)

Date: 8/16/2015 1:31:15 AM

City/State/Zip: Hartwell, Georgia 30643

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Sinclair a Broadcasting group is acting dirty and underhanded taking away do many stations in so many markets, and urging others to get OTS, other satellite companies, or cable companies claiming its Dish Networks fault. I do not believe this, since Sinclair owns so many stations in so many markets and controls those stations and what they can ask for in retrnsmissions.

I can not get OTA I'm too far away from any actual stations. I can not afford to cancel one service to start another, and our cable company (former one) that we had, Comcad, lied repeatedly about what stations and packages, and prices we could get just to get sales.

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DISH urges FCC to take immediate action to protect millions of innocent consumers from unlawful negotiating tactics of Sinclair

DISH notifies FCC that Sinclair has threatened largest blackout in U.S. retransmission consent history to intentionally exploit millions of innocent consumers to gain negotiating leverage

DISH asserts Sinclair is violating FCC good faith negotiation requirements mandated by Congress

Complaint states Sinclair is attempting to negotiate illegally on behalf of 32 stations it doesn't control

DISH requests that the FCC grant preliminary injunctive relief to protect consumers

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"Sinclair's 'take-it-or-leave-it' posture is in direct violation of federal regulations – they have offered a single path and are threatening that any deviation from that path will lead to a consumer blackout."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15, 2015 – Today, DISH Network L.L.C. filed a Verified Retransmission

Complaint asserting, among other things, that in direct violation of Federal Communications

Commission (FCC) rules mandated by the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 (STELAR), Sinclair

Broadcast Group, Inc. is refusing to negotiate with DISH for retransmission consent for Sinclair's

stations unless DISH also agrees to allow Sinclair to negotiate for 32 stations that Sinclair does not control and are in the same markets as Sinclair stations.

The retransmission consent contract between DISH and Sinclair expires tonight at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

DISH also charges that in violation of FCC regulation, Sinclair has assumed a unilateral stance to its negotiations, including the refusal of a contract extension so the parties can explore alternative paths toward an agreement.

“We’re asking the FCC to act on behalf of consumers to bring Sinclair back in line with the law,” said Jeff Blum, DISH senior vice president and deputy general counsel. “Sinclair’s ‘take-it-or-leave-it’ posture is in direct violation of federal regulations – they have offered a single path and are threatening that any deviation from that path will lead to a consumer blackout.”

DISH and Sinclair have been making steady progress in their recent negotiations, and DISH was hopeful that mutual agreement would be reached to renew carriage of the Sinclair local stations in due course. In that spirit, DISH offered a short-term contract extension to Sinclair that would include a retroactive “true-up” when new rates were agreed upon, and would preserve the ability of DISH customers to access the Sinclair local stations while negotiations continued. The “true-up” would ensure that Sinclair was made whole at the new rates for the period of the contract extension.

Instead of accepting DISH’s good faith offer, Sinclair is threatening the largest local channel blackout in retransmission consent history, which would block DISH customers’ access to 153 local channels in 79 markets. Rather than negotiating in good faith as required by law, it is clear from these actions that Sinclair is seeking to intentionally harm and exploit millions of innocent consumers to gain negotiating leverage.

“Since we offered to retroactively true them up when new rates were agreed upon, Sinclair had nothing to lose and consumers had everything to gain from an extension of our existing contract that would allow negotiations to continue,” added Blum. “Instead, Sinclair has rejected our offer and has chosen to use innocent consumers as pawns to gain leverage for the economic benefit of Sinclair, while causing substantial harm and disruption to the lives of those very same consumers who ultimately will bear the brunt of the unfair price increases sought by Sinclair.”

DISH is asking the FCC to immediately grant preliminary injunctive relief while the Commission considers the complaint, and to require Sinclair to negotiate in good faith for the stations for which it has control under FCC rules.

The formal complaint can be read here: <https://dishnetwork.newshq.businesswire.com/document-library/verified-retransmission-complaint-dish-network-llc-against-sinclair>

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Ticket: # 1683346 - Broadcast diversity and competition

Date: 6/4/2017 1:33:40 PM

City/State/Zip: Stuyvesant, New York 12173

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

The local CBS affiliate, WRGB, has been bought by the Sinclair Broadcast Group, one of whose first acts was to replace the second half hour of the long-running, widely-respected, network show "Face the Nation" with the "fake news" program "Full Measure," produced by Sinclair and full of mis-information, one-sided presentations and bias masquerading as "news."

This is the way Sinclair has operated around the nation, substituting their bigoted point of view for any semblance of balanced reporting. Since part of your mandate is to protect a free press and make sure that the public airwaves support a wide diversity of opinion, I urge you to re-instate some form of the "fairness doctrine" to the media, and limit the control of information fomented by increasing consolidation in the broadcast media. In that interest, I urge you to reverse the recent change in the ownership calculation rules that allows Sinclair to widen its hold on broadcast outlets and propagate its biased views and propaganda.

Beyond your duty to the Broadcast Industry and to the Trump Administration, you have a duty to the American Public, which takes precedence. I urge you to take the responsibility seriously.

Ticket: # 1686072 - Ajit Pai must resign or be removed

Date: 6/5/2017 9:20:49 PM

City/State/Zip: Venice, Florida 34293

Company Complaining About: Fcc

Description

As a former Verizon attorney, who will doubtless take the revolving door back to industry, Ajit Pai has a blatant conflict of interest. He should not even be on the FCC, let alone chair it. He should resign, be removed, or have articles of impeachment filed against him by a member of the House.

The internet is a utility. It should be regulated as such. Even a recent, slanted industry survey found that 61% support net neutrality, while only 18% opposed it. [1] But Chairman Pai is seeking to hand control of it to the ISP's.

Contrary to Pai's claims, net neutrality was not imposed by the Obama administration; it was only adopted after a firestorm of protests and some 4,000,000 public comments overwhelmingly in favor. Gutting net neutrality is not in the interest of either consumers or content providers. It would only benefit ISP's - Pai's former and likely future employers.

Pai has dissembled, prevaricated and told outright lies in his campaign to gut net neutrality, using phrases like "free and open internet" and "light touch regulation" to disguise the fact that what he is proposing is to hand ISP's the power to censor or blackmail content providers with tiered pricing. He had the unmitigated gall to claim that net neutrality is stifling innovation and investment when there is absolutely no evidence of that. To add insult to injury, Pai then made the ridiculous suggestion that ISP's could voluntarily agree to provide equal access to all sites. Sorry, not good enough - the public wants, and should get, mandated equal access to all sites - mega corporations should not be able to buy up the bandwidth.

Is Pai an incompetent who is unaware of the facts above as well as the recent Comcast/Netflix fracas? Or an arrogant buffoon with such contempt for the public, which he is supposed to serve, that he assumes we won't recognize his steaming pile of disinformation for what it is?

Pai is also trying to reinstate the UHF discount loophole, so that his cronies at Sinclair Broadcasting can misrepresent their current 38% share of the market as only 25%, and thus acquire an even larger share. Someone like Pai, who thinks consolidation of media control is a good thing, should not be on the FCC.

The internet is a public good, developed with taxpayer dollars. It should be managed for the benefit of the public, not Pai's corporate cronies. Likewise, the airwaves belong to the public and should be managed in the public interest. Clean up the corruption, fire Pai.

Finally, what's with his stupid oversized mug? If he's getting paid for product placement, isn't that illegal? In any event, such sophomoric behavior is not appropriate. If Pai is interested in a career in marketing, I believe there is a major international corporation which is always looking for a few good clowns - I'm sure they'd find him highly qualified.

Clearly, we should keep net neutrality, and get rid of the UHF discount loophole, and Pai.

Thank you for your consideration.

[Ticket: # 1644979 - Sinclair Broadcast Group / Tribune Media Merger](#)

Date: 5/14/2017 10:28:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Beavercreek, Ohio 45430

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

Please do not allow Sinclair Broadcast Group to buy Tribune Media. Media control in this country is becoming more and more concentrated. Why were FCC regulations reduced to allow this merger? The Sinclair Broadcast Group has proven that it will use its network stations to promote right-wing propaganda. It is the FCC's job to protect Americans from this sort of corruption. Please do your job.

Ticket: # 1391642 - Loss of enjoyment of particular TV channels

Date: 1/11/2017 4:07:20 PM

City/State/Zip: Snohomish, Washington 98296

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier Communications dropped certain channels in the Seattle market area, as well as other states, due to an inability to resolve re-transmission agreements with Sinclair Broadcasting Group Inc.; specifically KOMO 4, ComeTV, Reelz, Grit TV and the Tennis channel. As a result of the dispute between these 2 parties I no longer receive the enjoyment of those channels and my bill has not been lowered as a result. Frontier spokesperson Javier Mendoza has publicly stated in the Everett Herald Jan. 4th, 2017 "FiOS occasionally changes its channel offerings. That's covered in our customer service agreement," Mendoza said. "Such programming package changes are part of normal business and no discounts are available." In other words, Frontier refuses to adjust my bill as a result of their dispute. Their current FIOS TV terms of service, Jan. 14, 2015, state they have the right to change or modify programming however it DOES NOT state that they WILL NOT adjust billing accordingly. Please read the following:

SERVICE CHANGES.

Subject to applicable law, we reserve the right to change, re-arrange, add, delete or otherwise modify the Service at any time, with or without prior notice to you, including changing, rearranging or otherwise modifying our Programming packages, the selections available in those packages, the Equipment, and any other features, products and services that we offer.

Since I have very few avenues of remedy, I turn to the FCC for help and ask you to please work with Frontier to lower my bill as a result of the loss of TV channels.

Thank You

[Ticket: # 1658779 - ATSC 3.0 Tuning chips in mobile devices](#)

Date: 5/22/2017 9:52:46 AM

City/State/Zip: Dunedin, Florida 34697

Company Complaining About: Sinclair

Description

My question involves Sinclair Broadcasting's development of an ATSC 3.0 receiving chip for mobile phones. Will this capability also include the ability to tune ATSC 1.0 television stations or will independent and minority broadcasters unable or unwilling to convert be excluded from the potential mobile device OTA market?

[Ticket: # 100281 - Explicit words](#)

Date: 1/26/2015 12:23:24 PM

City/State/Zip: San Antonio, Texas 78201

Description

Sinclair Broadcasting Company, KABB Fox 29, DayTime at 9 Show, Jan.26, 2015. Right before signing off at 10am incident happened. The show jumped to the computer screen scrolling down while talking about "ex football players" list on the screen is a GIF image you see the "F" word is displayed fully for about 6-10 seconds before cutting back to the host. The host male host has also lost his cool and used cuss words only to have the female look surprised and move the show on.

[Ticket: # 138541 - over the air broadcast](#)

Date: 2/18/2015 4:30:40 PM

City/State/Zip: Leroy, Illinois 61752

Company Complaining About: Grit Tv 15-3 Run By Wicd 15.0 Owned By Sinclair Broadcast

Description

We have a channel in my area of central Illinois called 15-3 grit tv that for 5 days has had no sound. I have contacted the station in charge channel 15 wcid in champaign Ill. to no response. I then contacted Sinclair broadcasting in Maryland. still no fix. being disabled and on a fixed income we have grown a need for working channels.

Ticket: # 383827 - No closed captioning on Ring of Honor Wrestling's Internet broadcasts

Date: 7/5/2015 10:50:09 PM

City/State/Zip: Herndon, Virginia 20171

Company Complaining About: Ring Of Honor Wrestling / Sinclair Broadcasting Group

Description

Ring of Honor Wrestling is owned by Sinclair Broadcasting, and its weekly TV show is shown on Sinclair-owned stations throughout the United States as well as on the Destination America cable TV channel. If viewed on TV, the program is closed captioned.

However, every week, this same broadcast is also uploaded on ROHWrestling.com (Ring of Honor's official website) - but unlike on TV, when seen on ROHWrestling.com, this exact same program is not closed captioned in spite of the FCC's requirements. The programming itself is identical in all respects, other than the method of transmission.

In resolution, ROHWrestling.com should be updated to ensure that the closed captioning that is required when the show is shown on broadcast TV via Sinclair-owned stations and on cable TV via Destination America is also displayed on the ROHWrestling.com website, so that Deaf and hard-of-hearing fans throughout the USA can enjoy equal access to Ring of Honor's programming.

[Ticket: # 490022 - Sinclair Broadcasting vs Dish network](#)

Date: 8/25/2015 5:41:42 PM

City/State/Zip: Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

Description

I have been researching the current dispute between Sinclair broadcasting and Dish network which has blacked out my 2 favorite television stations in the Oklahoma City market (KOKH - 25 & KOCB - 34). Sinclair broadcasting has used illegal tactics bordering on monopolistic behavior in their negotiations with Dish network. This cannot be allowed or tolerated by the FCC. You need to step in immediately and order Sinclair to allow immediate retransmission of all affected stations, and then to negotiate in a legal good faith effort. In addition, because of the illegal tactics utilized by Sinclair, their should be suitable punishment such as large fines, compensation paid to Dish (for their troubles and lost subscribers), and possibly even forcing them to divest themselves of some of their stations or broadcast licenses to prevent this form of monopolistic behavior in the future.

[Ticket: # 490226 - blackout of sinclair stations on dish network](#)

Date: 8/25/2015 6:47:40 PM

City/State/Zip: Mesquite, Nevada 89027

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

as a small cable provider located 75 out of las vegas we have to get our off air station from dish network. now dish network and sinclair broadcasting have turned the off airs from las vegas off. i could assume they did it nationaly. i have to pay sinclair retransmission fees and dish network fees to get these stations . now my phone is ringing off the hook because they are off. please have fcc step in and deal with these kind of situations.

Ticket: # 490400 - Dish Network and KBOI TV Boise, Idaho

Date: 8/25/2015 8:19:10 PM

City/State/Zip: Eagle, Idaho 83616

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

KBOI TV Boise, Idaho was taken off the air this afternoon by Dish network who has been in negotiations with Sinclair Broadcasting and now we can't watch CBS national programming. This is uncalled for and needs to be addressed immediately. Why do customers have to suffer when Dish and Sinclair are so greedy???? Please allow us in the Boise area to watch the national feed of CBS until this mess is settled. All we ask is to be able to watch what should be free programming. Revoke the license of Sinclair and KBOI and allow us to watch. Please call me at () (6) . This happened 5 years ago and we were without CBS for 5 months. Please fix this.

Ticket: # 490617 - channel blackouts

Date: 8/25/2015 10:35:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Henderson, Nevada 89044

Description

My complaint is with you, FCC. Why do you not step in when broadcasters and cable/satellite providers get into these ridiculous pissing contests, while paying customers are denied the programming they were promised? This one right now between DISH and Sinclair Broadcasting is insane. I have DISH but I realize that Sinclair is to blame - they have NO RIGHT to black out a channel, especially a network affiliate that would otherwise be accessed for free. Why do you let this nonsense go on? Isn't this your job? Sinclair should be fined significantly for every station they have blacked out, and for every day that the blackout continues. Do something! Maybe people will actually stop complained about a federal government that can't get anything done.

Ticket: # 490667 - TV Channels

Date: 8/25/2015 11:18:38 PM

City/State/Zip: Yoncalla, Oregon 97499

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

You have allowed companies like Sinclair Broadcasting to violate the intent of the FCC when the FCC forced satellite & cable companies to carry local networks. You stopped them to be able to provide access to ABC, NBC, CBS & FOX on a national basis.

My satellite rates keep climbing & I am sure it is these companies like Sinclair are extorting money. They should be so lucky that the satellite companies carry their local networks. They obviously don't realize the consumers will just start steaming the shows we want & will not be seeing any local ads from their station.

I think as a consumer I should get to decide where I want to receive these channels & not the FCC. I thought our country was based on FREEDOM.

You have made rulings which violate free trade.

I don't want to see the local channels. When before I paid extra just to get the networks from the East & West coast which was great. I got to watch my shows without the local yokel news & ads. I should have a CHOICE!

The FCC has made it where the consumer does not have FREEDOM to make the choice they want in television.

[Ticket: # 490715 - Sinclair taking away channels](#)

Date: 8/25/2015 11:58:06 PM

City/State/Zip: Imacomb, Illinois 61455

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

Effective today Sinclair Broadcast Group has blocked ABC and CBS channels from our Dish Network. We don't have a say in which local stations we get (so we have ours out of Quincy, IL even though if we had Comcast we would get Peoria IL); the prices are high (who regulates this), and the only cable company we are able to utilize in our area is Comcast (they don't even have a local office anymore so all orders, complaints, etc are done over the phone). For this reason we chose to use Dish Network. And now we are down to 1 local channel NBC. How can one company blackout these channels without any repercussions from the FCC? Something needs to be done.

Ticket: # 490822 - WEAR 3 & WFGX 35

Date: 8/26/2015 6:22:46 AM

City/State/Zip: Evergreen, Alabama 36401

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Thank To SINCLAIR BROADCASTING GROUP & DISH, We Cannot Get WEAR CHANNEL 3.& WFGX 35. We Pay Good Money For TV Services. We Need The FCC . To Mediate An Agreement!!!

Ticket: # 490952 - Dish Network Channel Blackout

Date: 8/26/2015 9:56:23 AM

City/State/Zip: Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Dish Network has pulled a number of my local channels from my channel lineup. This is the third blackout in just this year alone. The channels that have been pulled are owned by Sinclair Broadcasting. According to news sources, the dispute is over Sinclair demanding higher carriage fees for a cable channel THAT THEY DON'T CURRENTLY OWN. These are over-the-air channels that are supposed to be provided free of charge to all consumers. The area I live in does not receive over the air signals due to topography, so this is not an option for me. Why are these companies allowed to play these games? These media conglomerates need to be regulated or broken up! According to their license terms, they are supposed to operate in the public interest and this falls woefully short of that goal.

[Ticket: # 491065 - Sinclair stations off air](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 10:39:32 AM

City/State/Zip: Grants Pass, Oregon 97527

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

I think the government needs to step in to stop large media from driving up rates on television broadcasting. Rates are already extremely high. This is ridiculous behaviour by Sinclair broadcasting.

Ticket: # 491209 - Sinclair Broadcasting blacking out stations

Date: 8/26/2015 11:17:23 AM

City/State/Zip: Prineville, Oregon 97754

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

DISH & Sinclair Broadcasting have been in negotiations. Customers were told negotiations were continuing but then Sinclair pulled our local ABC station (KATU). I live in rural Oregon - satellite is my only choice. Sinclair seems to be the "biggest TV station group" - yet they hold viewers hostage while they conduct business negotiations. Are they a monopoly? What about all the extra stations we pay for thru our satellite provider that we don't need/want to watch? How can we be assured to always keep the national stations ABC/CBS/NBC/FOX without being "bargaining chips" to these big companies? Please HELP!!

Ticket: # 491482 - Sinclair Broadcasting and Dish Network

Date: 8/26/2015 12:37:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Queen City, Missouri 63561

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

I am complaining about the blackout Sinclair Broadcasting is doing with Dish Network. Since they are required to provide the local stations that Sinclair Broadcasts we the consumer are being held hostage to their unethical business dealings. We can't get our local information without an antenna or I was told to go online. What if I don't have internet. This is a poor area and they should have a duty to provide our service without interruption. You let the companies get by with murder and railroad us consumers.

Ticket: # 491605 - Sinclair Broadcasting and DISH

Date: 8/26/2015 1:13:49 PM

City/State/Zip: Asheville, North Carolina 28814

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

I am disgusted that Sinclair Broadcasting has pulled broadcast channels from my satellite service on DISH. According to DISH, Sinclair Broadcasting has denied re-broadcast for their local over-the-air channels in our regional (western NC) and others. As the stations being withheld are broadcast stations, I understood DISH was required to re-broadcast them, and DISH says they have agreed to the pricing required by Sinclair.

It appears to me that Sinclair is in breach of the FCC requirements in this withholding of re-broadcast, and I ask that the FCC take immediate action to either force their proper behavior or be shut down completely. This is a disgusting and un-American activity by Sinclair Broadcasting and should not be allowed by the FCC.

Ticket: # 491675 - Sinclair Broadcast blackout

Date: 8/26/2015 1:24:25 PM

City/State/Zip: Hot Springs Village, Arkansas 71909

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Apparently the Sinclair Broadcast network is blacking out 79 markets in 36 states, including my area for local stations not because they have not reached a deal with Dish, my service provider, but because they apparently want some future leverage for a cable outlet they do not yet own. Dish has filed a complaint with the FCC and I support Dish. Sinclair is wrong and the consumers should not be asked to pay the price. At the very least, if they choose to do this blackout of service, then they owe the consumers a refund because our monthly bills will not otherwise decline even though what we pay for will. We need a repeal of the 60 year old retransmission law that is outdated and no longer necessary, but is costing consumers unnecessary billions of dollars in extra fees.

Ticket: # 492246 - national cable provider drops local programming channel

Date: 8/26/2015 4:10:13 PM

City/State/Zip: Liberty, Indiana 47353

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

In the Cincinnati, Ohio area, Dish Network has dropped local 12 programming and all CBS programming provided by Sinclair Broadcasting Co. Each company points the finger at the other company as to why the programming has been dropped. The dispute is over fees charged. Basically Sinclair wants to charge more than what Dish wants to pay. So Dish dropped all their Local 12 (CBS) programming.

The thing is, that when HD formatting was "sold" to consumers and we had to upgrade to get local programming over cable providers, or buy a special "box", we were told that this would not interrupt local programming i.e. we could continue to get local programming as normal via cable. Well now we are NOT getting local programming via our cable provider, who at their whim, has decided not to pay the higher price demanded for the local programming, specifically CBS.

I say make them BOTH accountable for providing local programming service or pay a huge penalty back to the consumers.

[Ticket: # 492333 - stopped broadcasting ABC channel 2 Portland Or](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 4:27:42 PM

City/State/Zip: Longview, Washington 98632

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

ABC channel 2 KATU Portland OR cost battle between Sinclair broadcasting and Dishnet has caused the station to go silent . This is a national public broadcast company it is FREE tv to watch its ABC and I am just as entitled to watch this network as anyone else why does Sinclair have the right to hold it hostage why do I have to pay at all let alone pay more to watch what everyone gets for free? advertising pays for ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX ect. charge everone not just a few or charge NO ONE Sinclair should be fined everyday it blacks outs FREE TV do your job protect the public first not company greed ya right thats going to happen

[Ticket: # 492384 - Sinclair Broadcasting / Dish Network dispute](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 4:39:25 PM

City/State/Zip: Manton, Michigan 49663

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Sinclair Broadcasting are denying Dish Network rebroadcast of their free broadcast signal. The broadcast spectrum should be available to all but those unable receive that signal by the only alternative means (satellite) are being held hostage by Sinclair. The government should be ensuring the fair utilization and access to public radio spectrum by the public. It is NOT a resource for the sole commercial exploitation of Sinclair Broadcasting.

[Ticket: # 492716 - Sinclair Broadcasting](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 6:29:08 PM

City/State/Zip: Oak Harbor, Washington 98277-9425

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

How can Sinclair Broadcasting suddenly pull the plug on thousands of customers of DISH? Our local ABC station KOMO said programming would continue while negotiations were ongoing, then suddenly we no longer have ABC or our local station. Is it because DISH filed a complaint with you? In our rural location we have to have Comcast, Dish or Direct TV, but we are sick and tired of being at their mercy and disputes. What about consumer protections??

[Ticket: # 492965 - Lack of Service KBOI-TV ; Sinclair Broadcast Group](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 8:21:12 PM

City/State/Zip: Garden City, Idaho 83714

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

SInclair Broadcast Group's local channels KBOI-TV and KYUU-LD have been removed from being rebroadcast via Dish Network. This prevents my use and enjoyment of the broadcast services. I use satellite as the signal broadcast signal quality of this station is deficient at my residence.

Can the FCC force this large monopoly power broadcast group to divest the station ownership to a consumer friendly broadcaster?

Ticket: # 645975 - Constant Activation of E.A.S

Date: 11/9/2015 3:46:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Company Complaining About: Time Warner

Description

Sinclair Broadcasting in Columbus Ohio is trying to get cable customers to switch to Satellite service by constantly activating the EAS. I know it's Sinclair because there shows are always in commercials when this happens. Below is just 1 month of date and times.

10-1-15 210am

10-12-15 212am

10-26-15 215am 315am 340am

10-27-15 230am

11-2-15 207am 221am 320am 342am 355am 401am

11-5-15 319am

11-9-15 228am 241am 304am 312am 316am 401am

There license should be revoked and they should be seriously fined.

Ticket: # 722463 - KATU Sub-Channel

Date: 12/23/2015 1:53:24 AM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97205

Company Complaining About: Katu 2 In Portland Or

Description

I emailed to Engineering@KATU.COM as I asked Engineering staff forwards to Board of Directors who responsible handles sub channel issues as I asked them add other licensee adds to KATU, please. I want heard from KATU, please via response through E-Mail only. I want seeing these adding sub channels to KATU's system, please. Tell KATU having Happy Holidays and included Merry Christmas!

Hello KATU staffs:

Whom may it concern

Report to the Boards of Directors:

I write in an honorable letter to KATU staff who have her or his responsible handle adding license like Sinclair Broadcast Group and adding second of licensee:

Licensee: FOX TELEVISION STATIONS, LLC

that I want two licenses on KATU gets more sub-channels into your suggestion box. that I heard other a few of TV stations had two licenses.

FOX TELEVISION STATIONS, LLC offers imovies, Buzzr, Heroes & Icons should be placed on KATU or KUNP either way, let me know what KATU decision.

Please having Happy Holidays to all KATU employees from (b) (6) (deaf) in Portland OR!

Please having all paid due of respect business with KATU requests. Sincerely, Mr. (b) (6)

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Portland OR 97205

Please do not block communicate with me! Please invite Mr. (b) (6) to KATU 2 TV station as I want KATU gift iPad mini 4 with 124GB Gray/Black Wifi/Cellular as offer me in sign language interpreter while visiting giving me tour their TV station. Please consider welcoming me to KATU! Mr. Matt Johnson works for KATU allows meeting with Mr. (b) (6) (deaf), pleasure! Matt Johnson had contacted me through Facebook so Please used Facebook or email contacts with me only, DO NOT USE NUMBERS!

[Ticket: # 1375467 - Frontier FiOS TV and Sinclair broadcasting](#)

Date: 1/2/2017 4:01:44 AM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98012

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

This current standoff between Frontier and Sinclair is completely unfair to consumers. As a recent Frontier customer I can't cancel my contract (besides the hassle and additional costs) to find another provider. And the rate increases Sinclair is asking for are shameful. Both parties are engaged in a negotiating ploy that is holding me hostage. And I have zero leverage as a consumer except to reach out to you. I am hoping you apply pressure to both parties to resolve the situation soon.

[Ticket: # 1375636 - Frontier and Sinclair Broadcast Group](#)

Date: 1/2/2017 12:25:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97008

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Both groups have failed to resolved their contract negotiations over what Frontier must pay to carry Sinclair's channels.

This issue denies my family access as over-the-air us of a TV antenna does not work or very poor quality.

Please help resolve this issue.

Ticket: # 1379664 - Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 1/4/2017 2:59:02 PM

City/State/Zip: Troutdale, Oregon 97060

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

Frontier Communications has dropped the local affiliate (KATU) in the Portland, OR area. Sinclair and other local affiliates) should thank the cable/satellite companies for rebroadcasting free (over the air) local station as it primarily benefits the consumer and the affiliate. We can watch ABC network shows with an antenna or live stream. In the mean time we will get our news from other local affiliates. I have no relation to Frontier or Sinclair/KATU other than being a customer of both. All of the local affiliates should charge enough to cover the costs of rebroadcasting but should not try to make it a revenue stream. Sinclair should stop this nonsense!

Thank you.

Ticket: # 1380850 - Sinclair Broadcasting and Frontier Communications

Date: 1/5/2017 1:14:35 AM

City/State/Zip: Lynnwood, Washington 98087

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

It seems the negotiations between Sinclair and Frontier have hit a wall. Would it be possible for the FCC to encourage a resolution?

Ticket: # 1387170 - Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 1/9/2017 3:04:11 PM

City/State/Zip: Aloha, Oregon 97078-2896

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

I am very disappointed with SBG's decision to discontinue broadcasting to Frontier Communications customers regarding KATU in Oregon. I feel they are being unreasonably greedy in demanding such a high increase in rates which Frontier does not wish to pass on to their customers. I realize we may be only 3% of their broadcast audience, but we are an IMPORTANT 3%. I do not fault Frontier for this situation since SBG is the culprit in the decision to not broadcast KATU.

[Ticket: # 1632949 - Sinclair Broadcasting Group](#)

Date: 5/8/2017 11:26:43 PM

City/State/Zip: Florence, South Carolina 29505

Company Complaining About: Time Warner

Description

This is too big a monopoly. You know this. The FCC isn't looking out for the public. FCC, God will judge your greed on this merger.

Ticket: # 1383565 - Frontier Communications and Sinclair Broadcasting Negotiations

Date: 1/6/2017 1:25:34 PM

City/State/Zip: Gresham, Oregon 97030

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Due to Frontier and Sinclair in a charge dispute, we are not able to watch our favorite shows on our favorite channel ABC - KATU-2 here in Gresham Oregon. Frontier has taken ABC off and we cannot access this channel that we purchased in a bundle package when we agreed to purchase their services.

Ticket: # 1384726 - Frontier Communications vs Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 1/6/2017 9:45:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98021

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Sinclair has asked for a 200% price hike for cable providers for ABC which is KOMO in Seattle, a local broadcast station. The channel has been shut off for FIOS cable customers of Frontier communications. <https://frontier.com/helpcenter/articles/channelupdates>. The Franchise Authority, City of

Bothell has no person assigned to this job and is so far no help.

Ticket: # 1394294 - Frontier Communications - Sinclair Broadcasting Dispute

Date: 1/12/2017 6:29:49 PM

City/State/Zip: Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Hello - I am a customer of Frontier Communications, have been without all programming/channel availability from ABC since 01-Jan-2017. Extremely frustrated with this situation, as this is a highly viewed network and service is supposed to be part of the programming I pay for each month. Please help restore this network via Frontier ... Thank you

Ticket: # 1400490 - Frontier Communications vs Sinclair Broadcasting Group

Date: 1/17/2017 12:55:33 PM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97236

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Currently Frontier and Sinclair are disputing over the price Froniter must pay to rebroadcast programming. Currently that leaves me as the consumer paying Frontier for channels now that I do not receive. There are several programs that I do enjoy watching on Sinclair's channels here in the Portland Oregon area. I am not sure what can be done regarding this but as the consumer I am paying the price for their dispute. Frontier is still getting my money for services they aren't providing.

Ticket: # 1675128 - Sinclair Broadcasting Merger Complaint

Date: 5/31/2017 9:31:31 AM

City/State/Zip: El Cerrito, California 94530

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

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[Ticket: # 490665 - Sinclair broadcasting removing my channels on Dish network](#)

Date: 8/25/2015 11:14:41 PM

City/State/Zip: Kenmore, Washington 98028

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

I recently found out that our local KOMO 4 channel has been blocked by its parent company Sinclair. This happened just a few years ago asking for way too much money. I know that cable companies have been getting special privileges in carrying all local network channels but satellite has to pay exorbitant amount to carry those same stations. I refuse to use cable because they constantly rip off their consumers. I believe in Dish Network and will never go back to cable. When will you update the laws so that cable and satellite are treated on the same levels? Please make it so consumers are protected in this ridiculous situation. Note: I do not work for any related companies.

Ticket: # 490741 - Sinclair Broadcast Group TV station blackout

Date: 8/26/2015 12:43:38 AM

City/State/Zip: Richland, Washington 99352

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.

Description

SBGi has blocked access to several channels in several markets attempting to force DISH to broadcast channels that they do not own. Carriage rates are not the issue. It is a simple case of the largest broadcast group in the country holding its customers hostage to force DISH to add SBGi capacity at the expense of others. Customers are caught in the middle of a dispute that they have no control over. This type of situation repeats itself over and over again with all re-broadcasters as they blocked by broadcasters attempting to increase revenue no matter the inconvenience to customers. The situation is not acceptable.

Ticket: # 491566 - Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 8/26/2015 1:02:26 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97005

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Dish Network: Sinclair has chosen to blackout its local channels. We have agreed to Sinclair's rates and all terms for carriage of Sinclair's local channels, but Sinclair has chosen to black out customers to gain negotiating leverage for an unrelated cable network that it hopes someday to acquire, but does not own today.

This is the third time this has happened since being a Dish Network customer. How can you allow this to happen?

Ticket: # 492008 - Sinclair Broadcastin and DISH

Date: 8/26/2015 2:52:10 PM

City/State/Zip: Friday Harbor, Washington 98250

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

i realize that I will, most likely, be one of thousands who write about this issue, and I know that I am ignorant of the legal issues involved but....

I find it to be incredibly frustrating that paying customers are constantly being "held hostage" by the legal and financial bickering between service providers. I know that these 'players' are both "for profit" organizations, but customers are always caught in the middle of these negotiations and it is almost impossible to discern, with any certainty, what the facts of the matter are - with each side posturing their own point of views.

That being said there are always two sides to any negotiation...but is not right that the "little people" are disproportionately inconvenienced by these wranglings.

Please put customers first and get help to get this resolved.

[Ticket: # 492732 - Sinclair Broadcasting](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 6:31:28 PM

City/State/Zip: Yoncalla, Oregon 97499

Description

Blackout of 150 channels to Dish-the FCC made a ruling that satellite providers HAD to transmit local channels. This enabled broadcasters such as Sinclair to hold satellite companies hostage to pay for what we, the consumers, can get for free. YOU created the problem now FIX IT!

Ticket: # 493074 - Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 8/26/2015 9:48:29 PM

City/State/Zip: Lone Rock, Wisconsin 53556

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

I have Dish Network as a television provider. My local channel Fox 47 out of Madison, WI has been removed from my programming by Sinclair. I am getting very tired of these broadcasting groups holding my provider hostage with many unreasonable demands and think the FCC needs to take a closer look at mega corporations ruling the roost and the little guy taking on all the expense.

[Ticket: # 497724 - Sinclair Broadcasting](#)

Date: 8/28/2015 6:43:56 PM

City/State/Zip: Yoncalla, Oregon 97499

Description

Thanks for getting my station back. Now it is time to level the playing field so this does not happen anymore. You need to let the satellite companies to not only send me my local channels but also send the 4 major networks from East-West coast stations like you did in the past.

That would level the playing field between companies like Sinclair & the satellite providers.

This way if Sinclair wants to block their local channels customers would still get a feed of the 4 networks.

Problem solved, Sinclair & Dish would have to negotiate ethically.

Since if I put up an antenna I can receive local channels for free so actually I think the satellite & cable companies are doing them a big favor to transmit their channels.

[Ticket: # 582324 - Sinclair broadcasting](#)

Date: 10/10/2015 12:38:10 AM

City/State/Zip: Jacksonville, Florida 32205

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

This company has blackouted my NBC channel with dish network. This company should not be able to punish the consumer. Dish network needs to have the freedom to broadcast a similar NBC station while negotiations are in process. Please help dish network in providing this option since my payment to dish network includes fees to the FCC in resolving this issue

[Ticket: # 1431260 - No TV signal](#)

Date: 2/2/2017 10:03:28 AM

City/State/Zip: Sanford, Maine 04073

Company Complaining About: Wpfo Maine "sinclair Broadcast Group"

Description

WPFO Fox 23 in Maine says it covers Sanford Maine but does not provide a strong enough signal for reception.

I have a 200 mile antenna with with a signal booster approximately 30' high and have tried on multiple TV set and receive no signal.

Have tried to contact Station on multiple occasions and no response has been returned.

Ticket: # 1039923 - digital tv signals

Date: 6/16/2016 12:36:31 PM

City/State/Zip: Bitely, Michigan 49309

Company Complaining About: Heritage Broadcasting Wwtv/wwup-tv 9&10 And Sinclair Broadcast Group 7&4

Description

I just finished viewing a program on channel 9/10 in northern Michigan. The picture started breaking up around 11:15. I rotated the antenna about 20 degrees from 10 to 30 and got a very good picture that was lagging the sound by a couple seconds. After about 2 minutes the sound and picture were still in synch and good. What causes this? There are 2 stations 9/10 and 7/4 that will have signal problems at any time during the day

[Ticket: # 1191469 - Movement of broadcast Network programming to cable only access](#)

Date: 9/12/2016 5:12:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Alexandria, Virginia 22310-2053

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group Owner Of Local Station Wjla Channel 7

Description

WJLA channel 7 frequently moves regular broadcast Network programming during prime time to their cable only "News Channel 8" during local sporting events. This prevents us "over the air" viewers from viewing the Network programming. Attached is their programming schedule for 9/12 prime time showing they have scheduled football instead of carrying the ABC net work programming tonight of premier "Dancing with the stars". They have two sub channels to which they could move regular broadcasting to, but instead make it inaccessible to over the air viewers by moving it to their "cable only" channel. This is discriminatory. I use over the not because I can't afford cable, I just have very good signal reception and feel it is a waste of money to pay for something which is provided over the air for free! Please see my attachment of tonight's 9/12 TV schedule for WJLA channel 7.

Ticket: # 1322098 - Channel 7 CW7HD / WWMT

Date: 11/19/2016 6:03:52 PM

City/State/Zip: Parchment, Michigan 49004

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

On Saturday, November 19, WWMT was scheduled to air the Western Michigan University football game at 3:30PM on their channel 7. They failed to air the game. The channel is scrolling a message that the game is on a premium cable channel instead. Please investigate why this programming of great local interest has been moved to a pay channel instead of being aired over the air. This station has betrayed our trust and sold out community interest programming to big business! Please do everything in your power to ensure that they are not permitted to do anything of this nature again. Thank you.

[Ticket: # 856144 - over the air substandard TV broadcast](#)

Date: 3/9/2016 3:58:47 PM

City/State/Zip: Millersburg, Michigan 49759

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

ABC/NBC signals in our area are constantly breaking up and the sound track is delayed always. Issue has been on going for months. Signal went out for four days months ago and came back on with good service for a while and now seems to be getting worse by the day. Many complaints in area.

Ticket: # 966298 - complaints against Asheville,N.C...TV STATION- WLOS-TV13 NEWS

Date: 5/9/2016 12:25:14 PM

City/State/Zip: Asheville, North Carolina 28803

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast

Description

WLOS-TV NEWS EMPOLYEES ARE REFUSING TO REVIEW AND AIR MY STORY OF PROOF OF PUBLIC CORRUPTION AND RACISM BY THE ASHEVILLE,N.C. BUNCOMBE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE AND THE WHOLE JUDICIAL COURT SYSTEM,...I HAVE PROOF OF FALSIFIED AND FAKE COURT RECORDS THAT WAS USED AGAINST ME THAT CAUSE ME TO GO TO PRISON UNDER MALICIOUS PROSECUTION, CONSPIRACY COVER UP, RACISM, PUBLIC CORRUPTION AND MISCONDUCT,...MY NAME IS (b) (6) [REDACTED] ASHEVILLE,N.C. .(b) (6) [REDACTED]

Ticket: # 318115 - lack of CC's with GRIT TV network movies

Date: 6/2/2015 12:16:16 AM

City/State/Zip: Seattle, Washington 98144

Company Complaining About: Abc; Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

Seattle and western Washington's tv station broadcasting under the name GRIT TV shows all of their movies, 24/7, without cc's. Yet most of the movies shown on both of these stations already have cc's available. This effectively disenfranchises tens of thousands of hearing impaired and or deaf television viewers in and around greater Seattle and Puget Sound. They and their advertisers are effectively disenfranchise and showing contempt, disdain and derision for the 35 to 40 million Americans who are hearing impaired or deaf. That number was reported in a NY Times Sci-Health section article in the 1990's. As there are now 60 million boomers, of whom 6,000 turn 60 every day, the number of hearing impaired Americans who depend on cc's is increasing every year. IF GRIT tv in Seattle and western Washington state (and other affiliates of GRIT around the US and their parent company) refuse to make their movies shown accessible to the hearing impaired or deaf by continuing to choose to show them without cc's when they could just as easily show them WITH cc's, I urge the FCC to not renew their broadcast license in 2016. If they do start showing their movies with cc's, then the FCC can continue to allow them to broadcast. GRIT Tv in Seattle is owned and broadcast by KOMO TV. Your company name choices, below, is strange as neither ABC (the parent and affiliated network of KOMO) nor Sinclair, the national network that broadcasts GRIT tv in cities around the US, are listed. ABC has, of course, been on the seen since the infancy years of tv, 1940's - 1950's. The TV issues field, below, is also bizarre as it is not showing closed captioning as an issue. Yet another complaint I submitted today about another Seattle broadcast tv station showed CC's as an issue. This submission is also showing a field, Account Number, that the prior submission I made (re Seattle's KIRO tv network) did not show. Very strange!

[Ticket: # 659006 - Broadcast Station's records should be investigated](#)

Date: 11/16/2015 5:51:08 PM

City/State/Zip: Kirksville, Missouri 63501

Company Complaining About: Ktvo Television Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

KTVO Television in Kirksville Missouri should have their logs and records reviewed for compliance. This station is operating above the approved kilowatt setting for that station. They also have not kept an accurate record regarding tower light monitoring and readings. This has been going on for a while and I do not believe it has been corrected as of yet. Please review their records.

[Ticket: # 677640 - News report over women following safe haven law](#)

Date: 11/25/2015 6:56:01 PM

City/State/Zip: Tulsa, Oklahoma 74126

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

KTUL Channel 8 in Tulsa Oklahoma posted an online report about a women who followed all of the rules under the safe haven law. However to me the news station violated her privace by reporting the color, make, model and also what the women was wearing in the report. They also failed to inform the public that this women did not break any of the laws with the safe haven act. A number of news stations in the area did the same thing with the car however channel 8 was the only one to tell us what the women was wearing. I would like to let you know that Fox23 report on this was perfect! They gave all the facts with the law and reported it as news and not as my father would call it a witch hunt for this brave women.



Request Details

Tracking Number : FCC-2017-000721	Submitted Date : 06/07/2017
Requester : Mr. Felix P. Gillette	Perfected Date : 06/08/2017
Organization : Bloomberg LP	Last Assigned Date : 06/12/2017
Requester Has Account : Yes	Fee Limit : \$500.00
Email Address : (b) (6) @gmail.com	Request Track : Simple
Phone Number : (b) (6)	Due Date : 07/07/2017
Fax Number : N/A	Assigned To : (b) (6) (Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau)
Address : (b) (6)	Last Assigned By : Nancy Stevenson (Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau)
City : (b) (6)	
State/Province : (b) (6)	
Zip Code/Postal Code : (b) (6)	

- Submission Details
- Case File
- Admin Cost
- Assigned Tasks
- Comments (2)
- Review

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public : No	Request Perfected : Yes
Request Track : Simple	Perfected Date : 06/08/2017
Fee Category : Media/Educational	Acknowledgement Sent Date :
Fee Waiver Requested: No	Unusual Circumstances ? : No
Fee Waiver Status: N/A	Litigation : No
Expedited Processing Requested : No	
Expedited Processing Status : N/A	

Request Description

Short Description : Documents related to the Sinclair Broadcast Group and Huntsman Concert Institute

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Description Available to the Public : No	Has Description Been Modified? Yes	279/2000
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Additional Information

Key Words or Phrases : ^Sinclair Broadcast Group

Attached Supporting Files

No supporting files have been added.



Federal Communications Commission
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
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CGB

July 3, 2017

Felix P. Gillette

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FOIA No. 2017-721

Dear Mr. Gillette:

This letter responds to your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) and assigned to the Consumer & Governmental Affairs (CGB) and Enforcement Bureaus (EB). Your request seeks all FCC documents related in whole or in part to the Sinclair Broadcasting Group and the Huntsman Cancer Institute between January 2015 and June 2017. Your request was assigned FOIA Control No. 2017-721.

CGB conducted a search of the databases in which we maintain the records of informal complaints filed by, or on behalf of, consumers. Our search revealed approximately ninety (90) documents responsive to your request. Copies of the responsive documents are enclosed. EB found no additional responsive documents.

Records responsive to your request were withheld or redacted under FOIA Exemption 6.¹ Exemption 6 protects files containing personally identifiable information disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Balancing the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy, we have determined that release of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Therefore, all FCC employee names, complainants' names, addresses, and telephone numbers were redacted under Exemption 6. The FCC receives many complaints and comments that do not involve violations of the Communications Act or any FCC rule or order. Thus, a complaint or comment does not necessarily indicate any wrongdoing by any individuals or entities named in the complaint or comment.

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6); see also 47 CFR § 0.457(f).

FOIA and FCC rules require the FCC to charge requesters for time spent searching for and reviewing responsive documents, and for copying them. Based on your classification as a “commercial” requester, the FCC charges you the full cost of searching for, reviewing and duplicating the documents that you seek.² The total charge for processing your FOIA request is \$219.00. The search and review was conducted by a GS-14 employee for three hours at an hourly rate of \$73.00. The Financial Operations Division, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, will send you a bill for this amount soon. Interest will be assessed on the fee owed if it is not paid within 30 days of the date of the bill.³

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be received by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.⁴ You may file an application for review by mailing the application to Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov. Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as “Review of Freedom of Information Action” and the application should refer to FOIA Control No. 2017-558.

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an application for review to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the Commission’s FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

FOIA Public Liaison
Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Managing Director,
Performance Evaluation and Records Management
445 12th St SW, Washington, DC 20554
202-418-0440
FOIA-Public-Liaison@fcc.gov

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through the Commission’s FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman’s Office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

² 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(a)(1).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 0.468.

⁴ 47 CFR §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 CFR § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

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Sincerely,



Nancy Stevenson
Deputy Chief
Consumer Policy Division
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau

Attachments

#1074615 Un-credited, questionable 'news' story

Submitted July 8, 2016, 6:52 AM
Received via Web Form
Requester (b) (6)

Status Closed
Type -
Priority -
Group CAMS Supervisors
Assignee (b) (6)

Complaint Internal Status Not Served
Company Name Other
Company Name (Other) WJLA-TV
TV Method Broadcast (over the air)
TV Issues Privacy
First Name (b) (6)
Last Name [REDACTED]
State District of Columbia
Zip Code 20007
Address 1 (b) (6)
City District of Columbia
Filing on Behalf of Someone No

(b) (6) July 8, 2016, 6:52 AM

This morning at appx. 0620, WJLA-TV, DC, ran a commercial for Huntsman Cancer Center in Utah. While not immediately adjacent to the ad, a couple of stories later they ran a "news" story about a fraternity raising money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Considering this was not a story of local interest and appeared along with what appeared to be a paid ad, it certainly seemed inappropriate to me. Also, while there was a "I'm so and so, reporting..." it didn't say for ABC News or WJLA... the more I think about it this was a placed news story... very worrisome.

(b) (6) Washington, DC

(b) (6) July 22, 2016, 8:46 AM

(b) (6),

Your complaint provides valuable information and is shared among FCC bureaus and offices to spot trends and practices that warrant investigation and enforcement action. If the FCC needs more information about your complaint, we will contact you directly.

Thank you for your help in furthering the FCC's mission on behalf of consumers.

(b) (6) July 25, 2016, 9:32 AM

Internal note

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The reason(s) are: e-mail sent

Support Software by **Zendesk**

Ticket: # 1422310 - Deletion of Settle ABC affiliate/Local Broadcast Fee

Date: 1/27/2017 9:01:51 PM

City/State/Zip: Kirkland, Washington 98033-8828

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier Communications ceased to carry Seattle ABC affiliate KOMO-TV on the evening of December 31, 2016, in a contract dispute with station group owner Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. In addition to depriving me as a Frontier FiOS subscriber from access to ABC programming and local content from KOMO, they continue to charge the same "Broadcast TV Surcharge" of \$1.99 per month.

[Ticket: # 1060973 - Political Unfair Content](#)

Date: 6/29/2016 11:26:51 AM

City/State/Zip: Mobile, Alabama 36605

Description

Complaint was filed with Sinclair Broadcasting and WPMI on June 29, 2016:

Dear WPMI and Sinclair Broadcasting:

Re: Complaint about your daily "dose" of Mark Hyman and his extreme right wing anti Obama and anti Hillary Clinton and anti-non-discrimination laws of the United States.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

You are Licensees of the Federal Communications Commission. As such, you are required to provide fair and accurate and "both sides" of political, social, and other news topics.

Your daily broadcast of the Mark Hyman segment DOES NOT fit those fairness doctrines. This segment contains

1. Multiple misstatements of fact,
2. Misrepresentations of federal law,
3. Extremely slanted political views without answer opportunities,
4. Highly inflammatory "examples," IE: "Your 14 year old daughter will be housed with a 14 year-old boy without taking into account her concerns!" (June 29, 2016) that are false, designed to incite, and do incite extreme political reactions. and which "examples have no basis whatsoever in fact.
5. Are carefully designed to elicit political support for conservative and regressive political views over progressive political views.
6. Are carefully staged so as to appear as statements of fact from experts, while no such expertise exists.
7. Allow NO and invite NO contrary views.

I demand that you immediately:

1. Cease these unfair broadcasting practices while using public airways under your licenses,
2. That you immediately report to the FCC your violations and this complaint, as well as others received,
3. That you surrender all of your licenses for intentional and knowing violation of FCC fairness rules and guidelines.

I may be and wish to be contacted for further discussion.

Please acknowledge receipt of this complaint.

Sincerely,

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Mobile, Alabama 36605

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Ticket: # 1065822 - News Distortion**Date:** 7/1/2016 5:01:42 PM**City/State/Zip:** Bowling Green, Kentucky 42103**Company Complaining About:** Sinclair Broadcasting, Wear-tv 3, Pensacola, Fl

Description

We are coming upon the anniversary of this nation's independence. It is the time to rejoice in the freedoms we have in the US that other countries do not have. As a part of that, the freedom of the press is imperative. It is the mechanism to maintain the republic. If government is transparent to the press, democracy breathes. The less transparent government becomes the more democracy loses its ground. Power of the press keeps government on their toes. It is an essential function in American life. In order to preserve that, no person should control the truth.

SBGI's mission statement reflects that necessity:

We produce compelling, engaging, informative newscasts. Our stations hold public officials accountable, asking the tough questions that our viewers would ask. Our newscasts have stories that make a difference. The key to our success is content choices. Our goal is simple: We alert, protect and empower our audience on all platforms.

WEAR Channel 3, Pensacola, a Sinclair Broadcasting station, under the oversight of JC Lowe, has been strong armed by local corruption. The Escambia County Sheriff is currently under investigation by the State Attorney's Office for misappropriation of LET funds. Sheriff Morgan has quashed the cover of this issue. There is no news coverage of any of the Sheriff's questionable activities including the bullying of a local little league coach over a campaign sign. That was not covered. Mr. Lowe being "buddies" with Sheriff Morgan has become more important than the mission of Sinclair Broadcasting.

The following are links to articles that are of significance within the community that Sheriff Morgan has strong armed out of the news through WEAR.

<http://pulsegulfoast.com/2016/06/escambia-sheriff-under-fire-over-controversial-donations>

<http://cjsstreetreport.blogspot.com/2016/06/morgan-misused-letf-funds-for-billboards.html>

<http://www.pnj.com/story/news/local/escambia-county/2016/06/21/state-attorneys-office-reviewing-ecso-charity-efforts/86173366/>

<http://www.panhandlepolitico.com/escambia-news/put-it-back-county-overrules-sheriffs-removal-of-rival-campaign-sign/>

These are just a few of the articles. There are more and yet WEAR has declined to air any story that might show Morgan in a bad light in campaign season. This is a perversion of journalistic integrity. The people of Escambia County are being willfully misled by the misinformation on this candidate's handling of their money. That really should be considered an attempt to rig the election.

There is a demographic that openly advocates on social media to boycott anything to do with this station. The ripples of this will be felt for years to come and local information is less likely to held to the standard of news for the local people. If they cannot trust what is being shown as news in the form of stories about someone's cat, why are they taking up space in the area? Locals are going to the press outside the Pensacola market. Seems this station has either outlived its effectiveness as a point of info for the region or is this a mis-step that can be corrected? Unfortunately, I believe it is the former. Maybe that is Mr. Lowe's intent--to make the station is non-functional in order to close it. That would be a hardship within this, because people like my mother want to be able to see Sue Straughn and Bob Solarski every night, because these people have established trust over the years, but Mr. Lowe is taking their integrity within the community down with it.

Shouldn't that be a part of the mission statement--undermining of the station and anchors connection to the community? I no longer live in the community but as it is my hometown, I watch the news and keep up with things online and via social media. Mr. Lowe has made Channel 3 irrelevant. Just something to think about.

Sincerely,

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Crusader, Blogger, Activist

Ticket: # 1097954 - Station Delayed evening news to avoid airing negative comments against Trump!

Date: 7/22/2016 3:53:24 AM

City/State/Zip: Eugene, Oregon 97403

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

Thursday Night at 11:30PM when the news should be ending KVAL TV 13 CBS, and KMTR TV 16 NBC both owned by Sinclair Broadcasting there was a game show on KVAL TV followed by News at 11:30 instead of 11pm! Yet on ABC KEZI TV 9 the news aired at 11pm on time followed by the Jimmy Kimmel Show on time as well.

Why do I say this was politically motivated because this is the same station that crafted a "News Advertisement" that was nothing but a pro Donald Trump advertisement. Both Stations KVAL & KMTR are owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group. Both have very critical satire about Donald Trump on Late Night Shows...is it a coincidence that both of the stations had to delay the news by over a half hour? I doubt it. I question it because of the earlier attempt to provide Donald Trump free ads and violate the equal time provisions under the law. Especially since other stations show the News and late night programs without delay or any issue.

Ticket: # 1109664 - Continuing problems With KVAL TV Channel 13

Date: 7/28/2016 7:24:26 PM

City/State/Zip: Eugene, Oregon 97403

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting Group

Description

Since the last complaint June 22 about the station pre-empting the late evening news with a TV game show "Wheel of Fortune" and delaying the late evening news until after 11:30 and not showing "the Late Show with Steven Colbert" in any complete form except the last 20 minutes. This is because of the political leanings of either Sinclair Broadcasting, the Station Manager, or the Program manager as they also created a supposed "news Promotion" which contained nothing but Donald Trump's campaign visit to Eugene, and the announcer being silent when Trump was speaking. The individuals involved are showing their political bias and curtailing discussion by not showing "the Late Show with Steven Colbert". The station has not made any announcement as to why this has happened, they make no statement explaining their actions during the time the news should be on, or anytime afterwards.

This I fear is just the tip of the problem since the FCC allowed Sinclair Broadcasting to buy 3 local TV stations and they now monopolize the market.

I do not feel Sinclair Broadcasting Group is operating in the public interest, but to push their political agenda forward.

Ticket: # 1120206 - Loud Commercials

Date: 8/4/2016 12:50:30 AM

City/State/Zip: Freeland, Washington 98249

Description

KOMO Channel 4 (ABC) Seattle, Washington owned by Sinclair Broadcasting is raising the sound levels of commercials to a painful degree. Please direct them to rectify this obnoxious practice by adhering to FCC regulations.

[Ticket: # 1141151 - conversions of broadcast spectrum](#)

Date: 8/16/2016 12:02:09 PM

City/State/Zip: Elmwood, Illinois 61529

Description

Quincy Media has reportedly transferred control of broadcast licenses including WHOI at Peoria, IL to Sinclair Broadcast Group for eventual auction sale. This transfer was reportedly done without need for FCC approval because it was a "swap" and not a "sale", but I disagree, in that other non-spectrum consideration was involved. Quincy Media has stated intent to air the ABC programming it will vacate from WHOI ch. 19 on a subcarrier of its local WEEK channel 25, to join the NBC programming it airs there. This is of great concern in that digital channel allocations are generally supportive of only a single signal in full HD quality. Quincy further intends to continue airing CW programming on 25 on yet another subcarrier. This is entirely contrary to the intent of the digital conversion, which promised to improve broadcast quality and provide for a greater variety of programming. Are broadcasters now to be allowed to simply stack multiple major networks onto a single channel, and then sell off the others, leaving viewers with poor quality and none of the promised additional choice? That promise has already been broken by the lack of forthcoming additional programs, and some which were offered, such as full-time local weather, have been dropped- perhaps in anticipation of this kind of a payday?

Ticket: # 1375292 - Frontier Communications and Sinclair Broadcasting Dispute

Date: 1/1/2017 8:35:39 PM

City/State/Zip: Sherwood, Oregon 97140

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

I would hope that the FCC can intervene to advocate for consumers of Frontier Communications cable services. I have been with Frontier for less than a year and am appalled that the local ABC affiliate has been removed from their channel lineup. Frontier is indicating Sinclair Broadcasting is demanding an increase of 200% in order to carry KATU the local ABC affiliate in Portland OR. This channel is now blacked out. Frontier is indicating Sinclair is unwilling to negotiate a new deal with fair rates. It is unacceptable that I pay a very high monthly fee for expanded cable, premium channels, internet and phone through Frontier and I can no longer watch a major network due to this issue. And, just switching to Comcast (as Sinclair is suggesting) would be very difficult given I am locked into a multi-year contract. Can you please step in and get them to settle this issue?

[Ticket: # 1378198 - Sinclair/Frontier Carriage Dispute](#)

Date: 1/3/2017 6:44:50 PM

City/State/Zip: Newberg, Oregon 97132

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Please consider reviewing and intervening in the current carriage dispute between Frontier Communications and Sinclair Broadcasting over the carrying of the ABC stations in Portland, OR and Seattle, WA. Both sides are doing nothing to resolve the issue and it is detrimental to the local communities where local competition is already slim.

[Ticket: # 1379206 - Local network ABC negotiations dispute](#)

Date: 1/4/2017 12:45:44 PM

City/State/Zip: Tigard, Oregon 97224-4538

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

I would like help in settling a dispute between Sinclair broadcasting company and frontier cable TV. They have been disputing over a 200% increase for front tier communications to carry the ABC affiliate and the two sides have not been able to negotiate the difference

Ticket: # 1380398 - Frontier and KATU Portland

Date: 1/4/2017 7:24:24 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97008

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier and KATU's owner, Sinclair Broadcast Group, are in a dispute over the broadcast rights. The cable provider says Sinclair wants a 200 percent increase for KATU (Channel 2) and other channels. I just don't see how they can pay them as it is to KATU's benefit to have more viewers to see their commercials. They are not a cable company and charge for their viewing as you can get them with an antenna. We enjoy recording everything with the DVR Frontier provides so we can time shift and see it when we are available. My wife and I are almost 80 and we dropped Comcast when it went from \$200 to \$249 in 2 months. We pay \$98 plus tax and the same thing with Comcast would have been \$218. We did this last July 2016. We do not want to go get an antenna and then disconnect our Frontier to watch KATU then hook it back up for Frontier. I understand you intervened before and had them settle this dispute in another area. I think them making the Cable company pay the broadcast companies is not right as it only affects the consumer.

Ticket: # 1380803 - Frontier - Sinclair dispute

Date: 1/4/2017 11:47:39 PM

City/State/Zip: Everett, Washington 98208

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

As of January 1, 2017, Frontier has stopped carrying ABC in the Seattle and Portland areas due to a dispute with Sinclair Broadcasting. From what I've read, Sinclair has increased their fee by 200%. This seems outrageous but I don't know the whole story. I don't feel that the consumer is well served if a cable company can't or won't carry local or major networks. I could switch to Comcast like a lot of people are doing but I feel that I would be circumventing the problem by succumbing to higher and higher fees. I feel that Comcast needs the competition from Frontier in this market to avoid a monopoly.

[Ticket: # 1381180 - Sinclair broadcasting group Price gouging Frontier communications](#)

Date: 1/5/2017 11:38:57 AM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98021

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Seattle Licensee, Llc Licensee Address: C/o Miles S. Mason, Pillsbury Winthrop S 1200 Seventeenth Street, Nw Washington, Dc 20036 2026638195 [phone]

Description

I subscribe to Frontier communications and always watch Sinclair Broadcast group/KOMO4/ABC. Apparently Sinclair is telling Frontier to Pay up a rate hike of 200% from previous rate increases. I feel this is an unacceptable rate increase and stand with Frontier in not paying this increase. I know Sinclair has a right to make a profit but this is price gouging and not acceptable. I feel that Sinclair's ownership of KOMO4 is not in the communities best interest.

Ticket: # 1381992 - REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF COMMUTER RAIL TRANSIT AS POTENTIAL RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

Date: 1/5/2017 3:59:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group, Cockeysville, Md 21030

Description

ACCORDING TO THE DESCRIPTION BELOW, THE STATION IS FAILING "TO OPERATE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST", AS REQUIRED BY FCC RULES.. THEY ARE VIOLATING FCC RULES BY FAILING TO ACCEPT AND MATERIALLY CONSIDER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMPLAINANT, THE ISSUES DISCUSSED.. A "CLEAR AND PRESENT NEED" EXISTS FOR WCIV TO OPERATE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND INVESTIGATE WHETHER THE CONDITION EXISTS AS DESCRIBED AND WHETHER THE SOLUTION(S) AS OUTLINED BY THE COMPLAINANT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE, PRACTICAL, AND ACHIEVABLE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS..

since the fall of 2015, I have attempted to contact wciv-tv channel 4, charleston, many times about the potential for a commuter rail service in the Charleston tri-county region.. I have emailed reporters, news managers, the station manager and the parent co., sinclair broadcast grp., cockeysville, md 21030, without reply.. there has been no reply.. charleston is a rapidly expanding region and traffic congestion is outpacing the resources to handle it.. a commuter rail system would reduce highway traffic along I-26 from downtown Charleston to Summerville, sc.. commuter rail would not only reduce congestion, but rail passengers would by-pass highway gridlock due to normal traffic, accidents closing multiple lanes, construction, and the occasional pursuit of criminals by law enforcement, where the fugitive abandoned a vehicle and began to run across lanes of traffic, possibly in oncoming lanes.. rail passengers instead would arrive at their destination on time, without stress or special concerns.. I don't understand wciv's reluctance to engage me by email, postal mail or personal contact.. why do they hide under their desks? do they reject the existence of traffic congestion? they provide daily maps of traffic delays on their newscasts, yet do not dignify my inquiries with even a polite "no thank you".. why? what is wciv's "angle" in ignoring my requests to merely hear my side and possibly air an interview on their newscast? i do not demand that any interview be aired, merely recorded and held until the time is best for showing to viewers.. all I propose is an investigation into whether commuter rail might be a good idea to relieve traffic woes: the political process, borrowing of money, appointment of a state-sanctioned governing board to oversee the project, construction, property acquisition, defense of lawsuits, seeking of loans and grant moneys from state and federal govts., public hearings to allow comment.. this is not intended to be a comprehensive, definitive statement, just an opening description of an inquiry as to the efficacy for commuter rail and informal views on how to assess the need and how it might be pursued within public forums, govt, funding and thru consultations with organizations who analyze communities as to growth and requirements for transportation on roads and other means..

[Ticket: # 1382192 - Frontier cable dropping Katu \(local ABC programming\)](#)

Date: 1/5/2017 4:52:45 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97007

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier cable has dropped KATU our local ABC affiliate while in negotiations with Sinclair Broadcast Group. This is a major inconvenience for all Frontier subscribers. On top of this they are not letting current subscribers out of their contracts (they are not lowering price either) leaving subscribers with no good alternative. This was done abruptly and not with good business PT. At the very least this station should be carried for paying customers while negotiations persists.

Ticket: # 1384180 - Major network broadcast channels dropped by Frontier Communications

Date: 1/6/2017 4:38:15 PM

City/State/Zip: Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier Communications has dropped all Sinclair Broadcast channels including ABC from their FIOS TV channel lineup and offered customers NO reduction in monthly charges or reasonable accommodation.

Ticket: # 1384295 - Frontier and Sinclair Broadcast Group dispute

Date: 1/6/2017 5:21:22 PM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97229

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

I have left messages with Frontier Communications and Sinclair Broadcast Group, owner of ABC affiliate KATU Ch 2 here in Portland, OR. As a result of their internal dispute over \$\$ or ?, Frontier and/or Sinclair has canceled all CH 2 programming. This is outrageous...both companies are causing their customers, of whom I am one, distress at not being able to receive ANY CH 2 programs. Please take action by getting these two organizations to resolve their issues so that programming is restored. Thank you!

[Ticket: # 1384869 - Frontier Communications and Sinclair](#)

Date: 1/7/2017 12:49:18 AM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97229

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier recently dropped local station, KATU, which is owned by Sinclair Broadcasting Group, from its lineup. Frontier will not give customers refunds or allow customers to opt out of contact even though they are not providing agreed upon services.

[Ticket: # 1387968 - frontier communications took one of our local channels \(ABC\) from our service.](#)

Date: 1/9/2017 8:04:14 PM

City/State/Zip: Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier took our local ABC network away due to contract dispute with Sinclair Broadcasting that wants to raise prices to Frontier and make them add channels that no one wants to watch. So we as customers get taken for a ride and we're sure sick of it. Sinclair also owns our Portland, Oregon station KATU. We want our local channel back ABC...Chan. 2 KATU now. Why does Sinclair get to CONTROL this fiasco and make all the decisions. They need to get their hands slapped and fined.

Ticket: # 1391708 - Frontier Communications - Dropped ABC

Date: 1/11/2017 4:23:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98012

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier communications is unwilling to negotiate with Sinclair broadcasting meaning we no longer get ABC, a channel we would get for free with bunny ears.

[Ticket: # 1393146 - ABC not available on Frontier anymore](#)

Date: 1/12/2017 12:31:25 PM

City/State/Zip: Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier and Sinclair Broadcast Group say they are in dispute over pricing for ABC / KATU in Portland, Oregon area (and some other channels), so ABC - KATU are no longer available to Frontier customers in Portland and Washington County. I have contacted both companies. They each blame the other and no progress appears to have been made in negotiations. It is unacceptable to not have access to ABC, one of the major channels. What can the FCC do about this?

Thank you.

Ticket: # 1649885 - Sinclair-Tribune Merger

Date: 5/17/2017 1:33:58 AM

City/State/Zip: Durham, North Carolina 27713

Company Complaining About: Sinclair-tribune Merger

Description

I am a concerned citizen and media consumer, and I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media. The merger would violate the FCC principles of diverse programming and local control. It is concerning that one company would own broadcast networks that reach over 45% of the country. Sinclair has also repeatedly violated the principles of fairness by presenting one-sided--and typically false--news segments that confuse voters. Please reject Sinclair's bid to purchase Tribune Media. Thank you for taking my call.

Ticket: # 1649971 - I am AGAINST the Sinclair bid to buy Tribune Media

Date: 5/17/2017 7:51:01 AM

City/State/Zip: Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

To whom it may concern at the FCC, I am a concerned citizen and media consumer, and I am writing to say that I am AGAINST the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media. The merger would violate the FCC principles of diverse programming and local control. It is concerning that one company would own broadcast networks that reach over 45% of the country. Sinclair has also repeatedly violated the principles of fairness by presenting one-sided—and typically false—news segments that confuse voters. Please reject Sinclair's bid to purchase Tribune Media. Thank you for taking my call.

Ticket: # 1651471 - Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media merger

Date: 5/17/2017 3:13:05 PM

City/State/Zip: Raleigh, North Carolina 27612

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

Hi, I am a concerned citizen and media consumer, and I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media. The merger would violate the FCC principles of diverse programming and local control. It is concerning that one company would own broadcast networks that reach over 45% of the country. Sinclair has also repeatedly violated the principles of fairness by presenting one-sided—and typically false—news segments that confuse voters. Please reject Sinclair's bid to purchase Tribune Media. Thank you for looking out for democracy.

Ticket: # 1652458 - Merger

Date: 5/17/2017 10:00:10 PM

City/State/Zip: Goldsboro, North Carolina 27534

Company Complaining About: Time Warner

Description

Hi, I am a concerned citizen and media consumer, and I am calling to express my opposition to the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media. The merger would violate the FCC principles of diverse programming and local control. It is concerning that one company would own broadcast networks that reach over 45% of the country. Sinclair has also repeatedly violated the principles of fairness by presenting one-sided--and typically false--news segments that confuse voters. Please reject Sinclair's bid to purchase Tribune Media. Thank you.

[Ticket: # 1379733 - Frontier Communications vs Sinclair Broadcast](#)

Date: 1/4/2017 3:14:41 PM

City/State/Zip: Aloha, Oregon 97003

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Do to how much money Frontier Communications should or should not pay Sinclair Broadcast has ended a no win for tv viewers. I live in Portland Metro, Oregon and- as of 1 January 2017- can no longer see ABC shows-KATU channel. There must be a way to settle this issue.

[Ticket: # 1385335 - Frontier and Sinclair Broadcasting contract](#)

Date: 1/7/2017 4:15:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97008

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Sinclair Broadcasting has been holding Frontier customers hostage for a week with their demand for a ridiculous 200% fee increase. Sinclair has been so tone deaf to the actual marketplace that they have told Frontier customers to seek other providers. It is not their place to control the marketplace with such tactics. The locations they are punishing with these tactics trend toward the liberal side of the aisle. Are they punishing us? Politics should not enter into simple entertainment but I do wonder. Please enter the negotiation and fix the problem.

Ticket: # 1404392 - Complaint regarding Frontier Communications and local ABC affiliate

Date: 1/19/2017 12:13:36 AM

City/State/Zip: Snohomish, Washington 98296

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

December 31 our TV provider, Frontier Communications, dropped our local ABC affiliate (KOMO 4, owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group). No updates have been provided or communicated to Frontier customers and when we call the company the customer service reps do not know anything about it. I feel that the national broadcasting networks should not be dropped ceremoniously from TV providers. Please aid these companies in coming to an agreement so that customers can get their network programming back.

Ticket: # 1432658 - Insufficient negotiations between Frontier and Sinclair Broadcast.

Date: 2/2/2017 4:56:02 PM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98012-7248

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

It has been over a month now since the talks have broken down. That is too long to keep holding the subscribers hostage. I believe that the FCC should step in and get this moving. over 30% of what we watch on Frontier TV feed is on KOMO a Seattle based Sinclair Broadcast station. As we are not allowed to put up external antennas in our residence due to neighborhood covenants. We are being blocked from viewing a local broadcast station.

I believe that this should cause the FCC to intervene.

[Ticket: # 471095 - I'm with Dish Network, Sinclair in underhanded](#)

Date: 8/16/2015 1:31:15 AM

City/State/Zip: Hartwell, Georgia 30643

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Sinclair a Broadcasting group is acting dirty and underhanded taking away do many stations in so many markets, and urging others to get OTS, other satellite companies, or cable companies claiming its Dish Networks fault. I do not believe this, since Sinclair owns so many stations in so many markets and controls those stations and what they can ask for in retrnsmissions.

I can not get OTA I'm too far away from any actual stations. I can not afford to cancel one service to start another, and our cable company (former one) that we had, Comcad, lied repeatedly about what stations and packages, and prices we could get just to get sales.

Here is Dish's letter to you.

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DISH urges FCC to take immediate action to protect millions of innocent consumers from unlawful negotiating tactics of Sinclair

DISH notifies FCC that Sinclair has threatened largest blackout in U.S. retransmission consent history to intentionally exploit millions of innocent consumers to gain negotiating leverage

DISH asserts Sinclair is violating FCC good faith negotiation requirements mandated by Congress

Complaint states Sinclair is attempting to negotiate illegally on behalf of 32 stations it doesn't control

DISH requests that the FCC grant preliminary injunctive relief to protect consumers

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"Sinclair's 'take-it-or-leave-it' posture is in direct violation of federal regulations – they have offered a single path and are threatening that any deviation from that path will lead to a consumer blackout."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15, 2015 – Today, DISH Network L.L.C. filed a Verified Retransmission

Complaint asserting, among other things, that in direct violation of Federal Communications

Commission (FCC) rules mandated by the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 (STELAR), Sinclair

Broadcast Group, Inc. is refusing to negotiate with DISH for retransmission consent for Sinclair's

stations unless DISH also agrees to allow Sinclair to negotiate for 32 stations that Sinclair does not control and are in the same markets as Sinclair stations.

The retransmission consent contract between DISH and Sinclair expires tonight at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

DISH also charges that in violation of FCC regulation, Sinclair has assumed a unilateral stance to its negotiations, including the refusal of a contract extension so the parties can explore alternative paths toward an agreement.

“We’re asking the FCC to act on behalf of consumers to bring Sinclair back in line with the law,” said Jeff Blum, DISH senior vice president and deputy general counsel. “Sinclair’s ‘take-it-or-leave-it’ posture is in direct violation of federal regulations – they have offered a single path and are threatening that any deviation from that path will lead to a consumer blackout.”

DISH and Sinclair have been making steady progress in their recent negotiations, and DISH was hopeful that mutual agreement would be reached to renew carriage of the Sinclair local stations in due course. In that spirit, DISH offered a short-term contract extension to Sinclair that would include a retroactive “true-up” when new rates were agreed upon, and would preserve the ability of DISH customers to access the Sinclair local stations while negotiations continued. The “true-up” would ensure that Sinclair was made whole at the new rates for the period of the contract extension.

Instead of accepting DISH’s good faith offer, Sinclair is threatening the largest local channel blackout in retransmission consent history, which would block DISH customers’ access to 153 local channels in 79 markets. Rather than negotiating in good faith as required by law, it is clear from these actions that Sinclair is seeking to intentionally harm and exploit millions of innocent consumers to gain negotiating leverage.

“Since we offered to retroactively true them up when new rates were agreed upon, Sinclair had nothing to lose and consumers had everything to gain from an extension of our existing contract that would allow negotiations to continue,” added Blum. “Instead, Sinclair has rejected our offer and has chosen to use innocent consumers as pawns to gain leverage for the economic benefit of Sinclair, while causing substantial harm and disruption to the lives of those very same consumers who ultimately will bear the brunt of the unfair price increases sought by Sinclair.”

DISH is asking the FCC to immediately grant preliminary injunctive relief while the Commission considers the complaint, and to require Sinclair to negotiate in good faith for the stations for which it has control under FCC rules.

The formal complaint can be read here: <https://dishnetwork.newshq.businesswire.com/document-library/verified-retransmission-complaint-dish-network-llc-against-sinclair>

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DISH Network Corp. (NASDAQ: DISH), through its subsidiaries, provides approximately 13.932 million pay-TV subscribers, as of June 30, 2015, with the highest-quality programming and technology with the most choices at the best value. Subscribers enjoy a high definition line-up with more than 200 national HD channels, the most international channels, and award-winning HD and DVR technology. DISH Network Corporation is a Fortune 250 company. Visit www.dish.com.

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Ticket: # 1683346 - Broadcast diversity and competition

Date: 6/4/2017 1:33:40 PM

City/State/Zip: Stuyvesant, New York 12173

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

The local CBS affiliate, WRGB, has been bought by the Sinclair Broadcast Group, one of whose first acts was to replace the second half hour of the long-running, widely-respected, network show "Face the Nation" with the "fake news" program "Full Measure," produced by Sinclair and full of misinformation, one-sided presentations and bias masquerading as "news."

This is the way Sinclair has operated around the nation, substituting their bigoted point of view for any semblance of balanced reporting. Since part of your mandate is to protect a free press and make sure that the public airwaves support a wide diversity of opinion, I urge you to re-instate some form of the "fairness doctrine" to the media, and limit the control of information fomented by increasing consolidation in the broadcast media. In that interest, I urge you to reverse the recent change in the ownership calculation rules that allows Sinclair to widen its hold on broadcast outlets and propagate its biased views and propaganda.

Beyond your duty to the Broadcast Industry and to the Trump Administration, you have a duty to the American Public, which takes precedence. I urge you to take the responsibility seriously.

[Ticket: # 1686072 - Ajit Pai must resign or be removed](#)

Date: 6/5/2017 9:20:49 PM

City/State/Zip: Venice, Florida 34293

Company Complaining About: Fcc

Description

As a former Verizon attorney, who will doubtless take the revolving door back to industry, Ajit Pai has a blatant conflict of interest. He should not even be on the FCC, let alone chair it. He should resign, be removed, or have articles of impeachment filed against him by a member of the House.

The internet is a utility. It should be regulated as such. Even a recent, slanted industry survey found that 61% support net neutrality, while only 18% opposed it. [1] But Chairman Pai is seeking to hand control of it to the ISP's.

Contrary to Pai's claims, net neutrality was not imposed by the Obama administration; it was only adopted after a firestorm of protests and some 4,000,000 public comments overwhelmingly in favor. Gutting net neutrality is not in the interest of either consumers or content providers. It would only benefit ISP's - Pai's former and likely future employers.

Pai has dissembled, prevaricated and told outright lies in his campaign to gut net neutrality, using phrases like "free and open internet" and "light touch regulation" to disguise the fact that what he is proposing is to hand ISP's the power to censor or blackmail content providers with tiered pricing. He had the unmitigated gall to claim that net neutrality is stifling innovation and investment when there is absolutely no evidence of that. To add insult to injury, Pai then made the ridiculous suggestion that ISP's could voluntarily agree to provide equal access to all sites. Sorry, not good enough - the public wants, and should get, mandated equal access to all sites - mega corporations should not be able to buy up the bandwidth.

Is Pai an incompetent who is unaware of the facts above as well as the recent Comcast/Netflix fracas? Or an arrogant buffoon with such contempt for the public, which he is supposed to serve, that he assumes we won't recognize his steaming pile of disinformation for what it is?

Pai is also trying to reinstate the UHF discount loophole, so that his cronies at Sinclair Broadcasting can misrepresent their current 38% share of the market as only 25%, and thus acquire an even larger share. Someone like Pai, who thinks consolidation of media control is a good thing, should not be on the FCC.

The internet is a public good, developed with taxpayer dollars. It should be managed for the benefit of the public, not Pai's corporate cronies. Likewise, the airwaves belong to the public and should be managed in the public interest. Clean up the corruption, fire Pai.

Finally, what's with his stupid oversized mug? If he's getting paid for product placement, isn't that illegal? In any event, such sophomoric behavior is not appropriate. If Pai is interested in a career in marketing, I believe there is a major international corporation which is always looking for a few good clowns - I'm sure they'd find him highly qualified.

Clearly, we should keep net neutrality, and get rid of the UHF discount loophole, and Pai.

Thank you for your consideration.

[Ticket: # 1644979 - Sinclair Broadcast Group / Tribune Media Merger](#)

Date: 5/14/2017 10:28:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Beavercreek, Ohio 45430

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

Please do not allow Sinclair Broadcast Group to buy Tribune Media. Media control in this country is becoming more and more concentrated. Why were FCC regulations reduced to allow this merger? The Sinclair Broadcast Group has proven that it will use its network stations to promote right-wing propaganda. It is the FCC's job to protect Americans from this sort of corruption. Please do your job.

[Ticket: # 1735129 - cubs baseball](#)

Date: 6/28/2017 3:36:51 PM

City/State/Zip: Springfield, Illinois 62703

Company Complaining About: Directv

Description

sinclair broadcasting purchase the rights to rebroadcast cubs baseball from WGN in central Illinois. They put it on an over the air station which is over 70 miles away and not accessible by antenna. I pay a premium to MLB but Sinclair blacks out all MLB on Dish and DirectTv. WLS Chicago also purchase the rights to Cubs baseball but they put it on local stations carried by cable and satellite. why do they have the power to blackout a program that is not even available in our area

Ticket: # 1391642 - Loss of enjoyment of particular TV channels

Date: 1/11/2017 4:07:20 PM

City/State/Zip: Snohomish, Washington 98296

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier Communications dropped certain channels in the Seattle market area, as well as other states, due to an inability to resolve re-transmission agreements with Sinclair Broadcasting Group Inc.; specifically KOMO 4, ComeTV, Reelz, Grit TV and the Tennis channel. As a result of the dispute between these 2 parties I no longer receive the enjoyment of those channels and my bill has not been lowered as a result. Frontier spokesperson Javier Mendoza has publicly stated in the Everett Herald Jan. 4th, 2017 "FiOS occasionally changes its channel offerings. That's covered in our customer service agreement," Mendoza said. "Such programming package changes are part of normal business and no discounts are available." In other words, Frontier refuses to adjust my bill as a result of their dispute. Their current FIOS TV terms of service, Jan. 14, 2015, state they have the right to change or modify programming however it DOES NOT state that they WILL NOT adjust billing accordingly. Please read the following:

SERVICE CHANGES.

Subject to applicable law, we reserve the right to change, re-arrange, add, delete or otherwise modify the Service at any time, with or without prior notice to you, including changing, rearranging or otherwise modifying our Programming packages, the selections available in those packages, the Equipment, and any other features, products and services that we offer.

Since I have very few avenues of remedy, I turn to the FCC for help and ask you to please work with Frontier to lower my bill as a result of the loss of TV channels.

Thank You

[Ticket: # 1658779 - ATSC 3.0 Tuning chips in mobile devices](#)

Date: 5/22/2017 9:52:46 AM

City/State/Zip: Dunedin, Florida 34697

Company Complaining About: Sinclair

Description

My question involves Sinclair Broadcasting's development of an ATSC 3.0 receiving chip for mobile phones. Will this capability also include the ability to tune ATSC 1.0 television stations or will independent and minority broadcasters unable or unwilling to convert be excluded from the potential mobile device OTA market?

[Ticket: # 100281 - Explicit words](#)

Date: 1/26/2015 12:23:24 PM

City/State/Zip: San Antonio, Texas 78201

Description

Sinclair Broadcasting Company, KABB Fox 29, DayTime at 9 Show, Jan.26, 2015. Right before signing off at 10am incident happened. The show jumped to the computer screen scrolling down while talking about "ex football players" list on the screen is a GIF image you see the "F" word is displayed fully for about 6-10 seconds before cutting back to the host. The host male host has also lost his cool and used cuss words only to have the female look surprised and move the show on.

[Ticket: # 138541 - over the air broadcast](#)

Date: 2/18/2015 4:30:40 PM

City/State/Zip: Leroy, Illinois 61752

Company Complaining About: Grit Tv 15-3 Run By Wicd 15.0 Owned By Sinclair Broadcast

Description

We have a channel in my area of central Illinois called 15-3 grit tv that for 5 days has had no sound. I have contacted the station in charge channel 15 wcid in champaign Ill. to no response. I then contacted Sinclair broadcasting in Maryland. still no fix. being disabled and on a fixed income we have grown a need for working channels.

Ticket: # 383827 - No closed captioning on Ring of Honor Wrestling's Internet broadcasts

Date: 7/5/2015 10:50:09 PM

City/State/Zip: Herndon, Virginia 20171

Company Complaining About: Ring Of Honor Wrestling / Sinclair Broadcasting Group

Description

Ring of Honor Wrestling is owned by Sinclair Broadcasting, and its weekly TV show is shown on Sinclair-owned stations throughout the United States as well as on the Destination America cable TV channel. If viewed on TV, the program is closed captioned.

However, every week, this same broadcast is also uploaded on ROHWrestling.com (Ring of Honor's official website) - but unlike on TV, when seen on ROHWrestling.com, this exact same program is not closed captioned in spite of the FCC's requirements. The programming itself is identical in all respects, other than the method of transmission.

In resolution, ROHWrestling.com should be updated to ensure that the closed captioning that is required when the show is shown on broadcast TV via Sinclair-owned stations and on cable TV via Destination America is also displayed on the ROHWrestling.com website, so that Deaf and hard-of-hearing fans throughout the USA can enjoy equal access to Ring of Honor's programming.

[Ticket: # 490022 - Sinclair Broadcasting vs Dish network](#)

Date: 8/25/2015 5:41:42 PM

City/State/Zip: Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

Description

I have been researching the current dispute between Sinclair broadcasting and Dish network which has blacked out my 2 favorite television stations in the Oklahoma City market (KOKH - 25 & KOCB - 34). Sinclair broadcasting has used illegal tactics bordering on monopolistic behavior in their negotiations with Dish network. This cannot be allowed or tolerated by the FCC. You need to step in immediately and order Sinclair to allow immediate retransmission of all affected stations, and then to negotiate in a legal good faith effort. In addition, because of the illegal tactics utilized by Sinclair, their should be suitable punishment such as large fines, compensation paid to Dish (for their troubles and lost subscribers), and possibly even forcing them to divest themselves of some of their stations or broadcast licenses to prevent this form of monopolistic behavior in the future.

[Ticket: # 490226 - blackout of sinclair stations on dish network](#)

Date: 8/25/2015 6:47:40 PM

City/State/Zip: Mesquite, Nevada 89027

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

as a small cable provider located 75 out of las vegas we have to get our off air station from dish network. now dish network and sinclair broadcasting have turned the off airs from las vegas off. i could assume they did it nationaly. i have to pay sinclair retransmission fees and dish network fees to get these stations . now my phone is ringing off the hook because they are off. please have fcc step in and deal with these kind of situations.

Ticket: # 490400 - Dish Network and KBOI TV Boise, Idaho

Date: 8/25/2015 8:19:10 PM

City/State/Zip: Eagle, Idaho 83616

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

KBOI TV Boise, Idaho was taken off the air this afternoon by Dish network who has been in negotiations with Sinclair Broadcasting and now we can't watch CBS national programming. This is uncalled for and needs to be addressed immediately. Why do customers have to suffer when Dish and Sinclair are so greedy???? Please allow us in the Boise area to watch the national feed of CBS until this mess is settled. All we ask is to be able to watch what should be free programming. Revoke the license of Sinclair and KBOI and allow us to watch. Please call me at 2(b) (6) This happened 5 years ago and we were without CBS for 5 months. Please fix this.

Ticket: # 490617 - channel blackouts

Date: 8/25/2015 10:35:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Henderson, Nevada 89044

Description

My complaint is with you, FCC. Why do you not step in when broadcasters and cable/satellite providers get into these ridiculous pissing contests, while paying customers are denied the programming they were promised? This one right now between DISH and Sinclair Broadcasting is insane. I have DISH but I realize that Sinclair is to blame - they have NO RIGHT to black out a channel, especially a network affiliate that would otherwise be accessed for free. Why do you let this nonsense go on? Isn't this your job? Sinclair should be fined significantly for every station they have blacked out, and for every day that the blackout continues. Do something! Maybe people will actually stop complained about a federal government that can't get anything done.

Ticket: # 490667 - TV Channels

Date: 8/25/2015 11:18:38 PM

City/State/Zip: Yoncalla, Oregon 97499

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

You have allowed companies like Sinclair Broadcasting to violate the intent of the FCC when the FCC forced satellite & cable companies to carry local networks. You stopped them to be able to provide access to ABC, NBC, CBS & FOX on a national basis.

My satellite rates keep climbing & I am sure it is these companies like Sinclair are extorting money. They should be so lucky that the satellite companies carry their local networks. They obviously don't realize the consumers will just start steaming the shows we want & will not be seeing any local ads from their station.

I think as a consumer I should get to decide where I want to receive these channels & not the FCC. I thought our country was based on FREEDOM.

You have made rulings which violate free trade.

I don't want to see the local channels. When before I paid extra just to get the networks from the East & West coast which was great. I got to watch my shows without the local yokel news & ads. I should have a CHOICE!

The FCC has made it where the consumer does not have FREEDOM to make the choice they want in television.

[Ticket: # 490715 - Sinclair taking away channels](#)

Date: 8/25/2015 11:58:06 PM

City/State/Zip: Imacomb, Illinois 61455

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

Effective today Sinclair Broadcast Group has blocked ABC and CBS channels from our Dish Network. We don't have a say in which local stations we get (so we have ours out of Quincy, IL even though if we had Comcast we would get Peoria IL); the prices are high (who regulates this), and the only cable company we are able to utilize in our area is Comcast (they don't even have a local office anymore so all orders, complaints, etc are done over the phone). For this reason we chose to use Dish Network. And now we are down to 1 local channel NBC. How can one company blackout these channels without any repercussions from the FCC? Something needs to be done.

Ticket: # 490822 - WEAR 3 & WFGX 35

Date: 8/26/2015 6:22:46 AM

City/State/Zip: Evergreen, Alabama 36401

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Thank To SINCLAIR BROADCASTING GROUP & DISH, We Cannot Get WEAR CHANNEL 3.& WFGX 35. We Pay Good Money For TV Services. We Need The FCC . To Mediate An Agreement!!!

Ticket: # 490952 - Dish Network Channel Blackout

Date: 8/26/2015 9:56:23 AM

City/State/Zip: Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Dish Network has pulled a number of my local channels from my channel lineup. This is the third blackout in just this year alone. The channels that have been pulled are owned by Sinclair Broadcasting. According to news sources, the dispute is over Sinclair demanding higher carriage fees for a cable channel THAT THEY DON'T CURRENTLY OWN. These are over-the-air channels that are supposed to be provided free of charge to all consumers. The area I live in does not receive over the air signals due to topography, so this is not an option for me. Why are these companies allowed to play these games? These media conglomerates need to be regulated or broken up! According to their license terms, they are supposed to operate in the public interest and this falls woefully short of that goal.

[Ticket: # 491065 - Sinclair stations off air](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 10:39:32 AM

City/State/Zip: Grants Pass, Oregon 97527

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

I think the government needs to step in to stop large media from driving up rates on television broadcasting. Rates are already extremely high. This is ridiculous behaviour by Sinclair broadcasting.

Ticket: # 491209 - Sinclair Broadcasting blacking out stations

Date: 8/26/2015 11:17:23 AM

City/State/Zip: Prineville, Oregon 97754

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

DISH & Sinclair Broadcasting have been in negotiations. Customers were told negotiations were continuing but then Sinclair pulled our local ABC station (KATU). I live in rural Oregon - satellite is my only choice. Sinclair seems to be the "biggest TV station group" - yet they hold viewers hostage while they conduct business negotiations. Are they a monopoly? What about all the extra stations we pay for thru our satellite provider that we don't need/want to watch? How can we be assured to always keep the national stations ABC/CBS/NBC/FOX without being "bargaining chips" to these big companies? Please HELP!!

[Ticket: # 491482 - Sinclair Broadcasting and Dish Network](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 12:37:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Queen City, Missouri 63561

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

I am complaining about the blackout Sinclair Broadcasting is doing with Dish Network. Since they are required to provide the local stations that Sinclair Broadcasts we the consumer are being held hostage to their unethical business dealings. We can't get our local information without an antenna or I was told to go online. What if I don't have internet. This is a poor area and they should have a duty to provide our service without interruption. You let the companies get by with murder and railroad us consumers.

Ticket: # 491605 - Sinclair Broadcasting and DISH

Date: 8/26/2015 1:13:49 PM

City/State/Zip: Asheville, North Carolina 28814

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

I am disgusted that Sinclair Broadcasting has pulled broadcast channels from my satellite service on DISH. According to DISH, Sinclair Broadcasting has denied re-broadcast for their local over-the-air channels in our regional (western NC) and others. As the stations being withheld are broadcast stations, I understood DISH was required to re-broadcast them, and DISH says they have agreed to the pricing required by Sinclair.

It appears to me that Sinclair is in breach of the FCC requirements in this withholding of re-broadcast, and I ask that the FCC take immediate action to either force their proper behavior or be shut down completely. This is a disgusting and un-American activity by Sinclair Broadcasting and should not be allowed by the FCC.

Ticket: # 491675 - Sinclair Broadcast blackout

Date: 8/26/2015 1:24:25 PM

City/State/Zip: Hot Springs Village, Arkansas 71909

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Apparently the Sinclair Broadcast network is blacking out 79 markets in 36 states, including my area for local stations not because they have not reached a deal with Dish, my service provider, but because they apparently want some future leverage for a cable outlet they do not yet own. Dish has filed a complaint with the FCC and I support Dish. Sinclair is wrong and the consumers should not be asked to pay the price. At the very least, if they choose to do this blackout of service, then they owe the consumers a refund because our monthly bills will not otherwise decline even though what we pay for will. We need a repeal of the 60 year old retransmission law that is outdated and no longer necessary, but is costing consumers unnecessary billion of dollars in extra fees.

Ticket: # 492246 - national cable provider drops local programming channel

Date: 8/26/2015 4:10:13 PM

City/State/Zip: Liberty, Indiana 47353

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

In the Cincinnati, Ohio area, Dish Network has dropped local 12 programming and all CBS programming provided by Sinclair Broadcasting Co. Each company points the finger at the other company as to why the programming has been dropped. The dispute is over fees charged. Basically Sinclair wants to charge more than what Dish wants to pay. So Dish dropped all their Local 12 (CBS) programming.

The thing is, that when HD formatting was "sold" to consumers and we had to upgrade to get local programming over cable providers, or buy a special "box", we were told that this would not interrupt local programming i.e. we could continue to get local programming as normal via cable. Well now we are NOT getting local programming via our cable provider, who at their whim, has decided not to pay the higher price demanded for the local programming, specifically CBS.

I say make them BOTH accountable for providing local programming service or pay a huge penalty back to the consumers.

[Ticket: # 492333 - stopped broadcasting ABC channel 2 Portland Or](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 4:27:42 PM

City/State/Zip: Longview, Washington 98632

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

ABC channel 2 KATU Portland OR cost battle between Sinclair broadcasting and Dishnet has caused the station to go silent . This is a national public broadcast company it is FREE tv to watch its ABC and I am just as entitled to watch this network as anyone else why does Sinclair have the right to hold it hostage why do I have to pay at all let alone pay more to watch what everyone gets for free? advertising pays for ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX ect. charge everone not just a few or charge NO ONE Sinclair should be fined everyday it blacks outs FREE TV do your job protect the public first not company greed ya right thats going to happen

[Ticket: # 492384 - Sinclair Broadcasting / Dish Network dispute](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 4:39:25 PM

City/State/Zip: Manton, Michigan 49663

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Sinclair Broadcasting are denying Dish Network rebroadcast of their free broadcast signal. The broadcast spectrum should be available to all but those unable receive that signal by the only alternative means (satellite) are being held hostage by Sinclair. The government should be ensuring the fair utilization and access to public radio spectrum by the public. It is NOT a resource for the sole commercial exploitation of Sinclair Broadcasting.

[Ticket: # 492716 - Sinclair Broadcasting](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 6:29:08 PM

City/State/Zip: Oak Harbor, Washington 98277-9425

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

How can Sinclair Broadcasting suddenly pull the plug on thousands of customers of DISH? Our local ABC station KOMO said programming would continue while negotiations were ongoing, then suddenly we no longer have ABC or our local station. Is it because DISH filed a complaint with you? In our rural location we have to have Comcast, Dish or Direct TV, but we are sick and tired of being at their mercy and disputes. What about consumer protections??

[Ticket: # 492965 - Lack of Service KBOI-TV ; Sinclair Broadcast Group](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 8:21:12 PM

City/State/Zip: Garden City, Idaho 83714

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

SInclair Broadcast Group's local channels KBOI-TV and KYUU-LD have been removed from being rebroadcast via Dish Network. This prevents my use and enjoyment of the broadcast services. I use satellite as the signal broadcast signal quality of this station is deficient at my residence.

Can the FCC force this large monopoly power broadcast group to divest the station ownership to a consumer friendly broadcaster?

Ticket: # 645975 - Constant Activation of E.A.S

Date: 11/9/2015 3:46:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Company Complaining About: Time Warner

Description

Sinclair Broadcasting in Columbus Ohio is trying to get cable customers to switch to Satellite service by constantly activating the EAS. I know it's Sinclair because there shows are always in commercials when this happens. Below is just 1 month of date and times.

10-1-15 210am

10-12-15 212am

10-26-15 215am 315am 340am

10-27-15 230am

11-2-15 207am 221am 320am 342am 355am 401am

11-5-15 319am

11-9-15 228am 241am 304am 312am 316am 401am

There license should be revoked and they should be seriously fined.

Ticket: # 722463 - KATU Sub-Channel

Date: 12/23/2015 1:53:24 AM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97205

Company Complaining About: Katu 2 In Portland Or

Description

I emailed to Engineering@KATU.COM as I asked Engineering staff forwards to Board of Directors who responsible handles sub channel issues as I asked them add other licensee adds to KATU, please. I want heard from KATU, please via response through E-Mail only. I want seeing these adding sub channels to KATU's system, please. Tell KATU having Happy Holidays and included Merry Christmas!

Hello KATU staffs:

Whom may it concern

Report to the Boards of Directors:

I write in an honorable letter to KATU staff who have her or his responsible handle adding license like Sinclair Broadcast Group and adding second of licensee:

Licensee: FOX TELEVISION STATIONS, LLC

that I want two licenses on KATU gets more sub-channels into your suggestion box. that I heard other a few of TV stations had two licenses.

FOX TELEVISION STATIONS, LLC offers imovies, Buzzr, Heroes & Icons should be placed on KATU or KUNP either way, let me know what KATU decision.

Please having Happy Holidays to all KATU employees from (b) (6) (deaf) in Portland OR!

Please having all paid due of respect business with KATU requests. Sincerely, Mr. (b) (6),

(b) (6)

Portland OR 97205

Please do not block communicate with me! Please invite Mr. (b) (6) to KATU 2 TV station as I want KATU gift iPad mini 4 with 124GB Gray/Black Wifi/Cellular as offer me in sign language interpreter while visiting giving me tour their TV station. Please consider welcoming me to KATU! Mr. Matt Johnson works for KATU allows meeting with Mr. (b) (6) (deaf), pleasure! Matt Johnson had contacted me through Facebook so Please used Facebook or email contacts with me only, DO NOT USE NUMBERS!

Ticket: # 1375467 - Frontier FiOS TV and Sinclair broadcasting

Date: 1/2/2017 4:01:44 AM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98012

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

This current standoff between Frontier and Sinclair is completely unfair to consumers. As a recent Frontier customer I can't cancel my contract (besides the hassle and additional costs) to find another provider. And the rate increases Sinclair is asking for are shameful. Both parties are engaged in a negotiating ploy that is holding me hostage. And I have zero leverage as a consumer except to reach out to you. I am hoping you apply pressure to both parties to resolve the situation soon.

[Ticket: # 1375636 - Frontier and Sinclair Broadcast Group](#)

Date: 1/2/2017 12:25:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97008

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Both groups have failed to resolved their contract negotiations over what Frontier must pay to carry Sinclair's channels.

This issue denies my family access as over-the-air us of a TV antenna does not work or very poor quality.

Please help resolve this issue.

Ticket: # 1379664 - Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 1/4/2017 2:59:02 PM

City/State/Zip: Troutdale, Oregon 97060

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

Frontier Communications has dropped the local affiliate (KATU) in the Portland, OR area. Sinclair and other local affiliates) should thank the cable/satellite companies for rebroadcasting free (over the air) local station as it primarily benefits the consumer and the affiliate. We can watch ABC network shows with an antenna or live stream. In the mean time we will get our news from other local affiliates. I have no relation to Frontier or Sinclair/KATU other than being a customer of both. All of the local affiliates should charge enough to cover the costs of rebroadcasting but should not try to make it a revenue stream. Sinclair should stop this nonsense!

Thank you.

Ticket: # 1380850 - Sinclair Broadcasting and Frontier Communications

Date: 1/5/2017 1:14:35 AM

City/State/Zip: Lynnwood, Washington 98087

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

It seems the negotiations between Sinclair and Frontier have hit a wall. Would it be possible for the FCC to encourage a resolution?

Ticket: # 1387170 - Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 1/9/2017 3:04:11 PM

City/State/Zip: Aloha, Oregon 97078-2896

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

I am very disappointed with SBG's decision to discontinue broadcasting to Frontier Communications customers regarding KATU in Oregon. I feel they are being unreasonably greedy in demanding such a high increase in rates which Frontier does not wish to pass on to their customers. I realize we may be only 3% of their broadcast audience, but we are an IMPORTANT 3%. I do not fault Frontier for this situation since SBG is the culprit in the decision to not broadcast KATU.

[Ticket: # 1632949 - Sinclair Broadcasting Group](#)

Date: 5/8/2017 11:26:43 PM

City/State/Zip: Florence, South Carolina 29505

Company Complaining About: Time Warner

Description

This is too big a monopoly. You know this. The FCC isn't looking out for the public. FCC, God will judge your greed on this merger.

Ticket: # 1383565 - Frontier Communications and Sinclair Broadcasting Negotiations

Date: 1/6/2017 1:25:34 PM

City/State/Zip: Gresham, Oregon 97030

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Due to Frontier and Sinclair in a charge dispute, we are not able to watch our favorite shows on our favorite channel ABC - KATU-2 here in Gresham Oregon. Frontier has taken ABC off and we cannot access this channel that we purchased in a bundle package when we agreed to purchase their services.

Ticket: # 1384726 - Frontier Communications vs Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 1/6/2017 9:45:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98021

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Sinclair has asked for a 200% price hike for cable providers for ABC which is KOMO in Seattle, a local broadcast station. The channel has been shut off for FIOS cable customers of Frontier communications. <https://frontier.com/helpcenter/articles/channelupdates>. The Franchise Authority, City of

Bothell has no person assigned to this job and is so far no help.

Ticket: # 1394294 - Frontier Communications - Sinclair Broadcasting Dispute

Date: 1/12/2017 6:29:49 PM

City/State/Zip: Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Hello - I am a customer of Frontier Communications, have been without all programming/channel availability from ABC since 01-Jan-2017. Extremely frustrated with this situation, as this is a highly viewed network and service is supposed to be part of the programming I pay for each month. Please help restore this network via Frontier ... Thank you

Ticket: # 1400490 - Frontier Communications vs Sinclair Broadcasting Group

Date: 1/17/2017 12:55:33 PM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97236

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Currently Frontier and Sinclair are disputing over the price Froniter must pay to rebroadcast programming. Currently that leaves me as the consumer paying Frontier for channels now that I do not receive. There are several programs that I do enjoy watching on Sinclair's channels here in the Portland Oregon area. I am not sure what can be done regarding this but as the consumer I am paying the price for their dispute. Frontier is still getting my money for services they aren't providing.

[Ticket: # 490665 - Sinclair broadcasting removing my channels on Dish network](#)

Date: 8/25/2015 11:14:41 PM

City/State/Zip: Kenmore, Washington 98028

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

I recently found out that our local KOMO 4 channel has been blocked by its parent company Sinclair. This happened just a few years ago asking for way too much money. I know that cable companies have been getting special privileges in carrying all local network channels but satellite has to pay exorbitant amount to carry those same stations. I refuse to use cable because they constantly rip off their consumers. I believe in Dish Network and will never go back to cable. When will you update the laws so that cable and satellite are treated on the same levels? Please make it so consumers are protected in this ridiculous situation. Note: I do not work for any related companies.

Ticket: # 490741 - Sinclair Broadcast Group TV station blackout

Date: 8/26/2015 12:43:38 AM

City/State/Zip: Richland, Washington 99352

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.

Description

SBGi has blocked access to several channels in several markets attempting to force DISH to broadcast channels that they do not own. Carriage rates are not the issue. It is a simple case of the largest broadcast group in the country holding its customers hostage to force DISH to add SBGi capacity at the expense of others. Customers are caught in the middle of a dispute that they have no control over. This type of situation repeats itself over and over again with all re-broadcasters as they blocked by broadcasters attempting to increase revenue no matter the inconvenience to customers. The situation is not acceptable.

Ticket: # 491566 - Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 8/26/2015 1:02:26 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97005

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Dish Network: Sinclair has chosen to blackout its local channels. We have agreed to Sinclair's rates and all terms for carriage of Sinclair's local channels, but Sinclair has chosen to black out customers to gain negotiating leverage for an unrelated cable network that it hopes someday to acquire, but does not own today.

This is the third time this has happened since being a Dish Network customer. How can you allow this to happen?

Ticket: # 492008 - Sinclair Broadcastin and DISH

Date: 8/26/2015 2:52:10 PM

City/State/Zip: Friday Harbor, Washington 98250

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

i realize that I will, most likely, be one of thousands who write about this issue, and I know that I am ignorant of the legal issues involved but....

I find it to be incredibly frustrating that paying customers are constantly being "held hostage" by the legal and financial bickering between service providers. I know that these 'players' are both "for profit" organizations, but customers are always caught in the middle of these negotiations and it is almost impossible to discern, with any certainty, what the facts of the matter are - with each side posturing their own point of views.

That being said there are always two sides to any negotiation...but is not right that the "little people" are disproportionately inconvenienced by these wranglings.

Please put customers first and get help to get this resolved.

[Ticket: # 492732 - Sinclair Broadcasting](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 6:31:28 PM

City/State/Zip: Yoncalla, Oregon 97499

Description

Blackout of 150 channels to Dish-the FCC made a ruling that satellite providers HAD to transmit local channels. This enabled broadcasters such as Sinclair to hold satellite companies hostage to pay for what we, the consumers, can get for free. YOU created the problem now FIX IT!

Ticket: # 493074 - Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 8/26/2015 9:48:29 PM

City/State/Zip: Lone Rock, Wisconsin 53556

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

I have Dish Network as a television provider. My local channel Fox 47 out of Madison, WI has been removed from my programming by Sinclair. I am getting very tired of these broadcasting groups holding my provider hostage with many unreasonable demands and think the FCC needs to take a closer look at mega corporations ruling the roost and the little guy taking on all the expense.

[Ticket: # 497724 - Sinclair Broadcasting](#)

Date: 8/28/2015 6:43:56 PM

City/State/Zip: Yoncalla, Oregon 97499

Description

Thanks for getting my station back. Now it is time to level the playing field so this does not happen anymore. You need to let the satellite companies to not only send me my local channels but also send the 4 major networks from East-West coast stations like you did in the past.

That would level the playing field between companies like Sinclair & the satellite providers.

This way if Sinclair wants to block their local channels customers would still get a feed of the 4 networks.

Problem solved, Sinclair & Dish would have to negotiate ethically.

Since if I put up an antenna I can receive local channels for free so actually I think the satellite & cable companies are doing them a big favor to transmit their channels.

[Ticket: # 582324 - Sinclair broadcasting](#)

Date: 10/10/2015 12:38:10 AM

City/State/Zip: Jacksonville, Florida 32205

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

This company has blackouted my NBC channel with dish network. This company should not be able to punish the consumer. Dish network needs to have the freedom to broadcast a similar NBC station while negotiations are in process. Please help dish network in providing this option since my payment to dish network includes fees to the FCC in resolving this issue

Ticket: # 1431260 - No TV signal

Date: 2/2/2017 10:03:28 AM

City/State/Zip: Sanford, Maine 04073

Company Complaining About: Wpfo Maine "sinclair Broadcast Group"

Description

WPFO Fox 23 in Maine says it covers Sanford Maine but does not provide a strong enough signal for reception.

I have a 200 mile antenna with with a signal booster approximately 30' high and have tried on multiple TV set and receive no signal.

Have tried to contact Station on multiple occasions and no response has been returned.

[Ticket: # 1039923 - digital tv signals](#)

Date: 6/16/2016 12:36:31 PM

City/State/Zip: Bitely, Michigan 49309

Company Complaining About: Heritage Broadcasting Wwtv/wwup-tv 9&10 And Sinclair Broadcast Group 7&4

Description

I just finished viewing a program on channel 9/10 in northern Michigan. The picture started breaking up around 11:15. I rotated the antenna about 20 degrees from 10 to 30 and got a very good picture that was lagging the sound by a couple seconds. After about 2 minutes the sound and picture were still in synch and good. What causes this? There are 2 stations 9/10 and 7/4 that will have signal problems at any time during the day

[Ticket: # 1191469 - Movement of broadcast Network programming to cable only access](#)

Date: 9/12/2016 5:12:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Alexandria, Virginia 22310-2053

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group Owner Of Local Station Wjla Channel 7

Description

WJLA channel 7 frequently moves regular broadcast Network programming during prime time to their cable only "News Channel 8" during local sporting events. This prevents us "over the air" viewers from viewing the Network programming. Attached is their programming schedule for 9/12 prime time showing they have scheduled football instead of carrying the ABC net work programming tonight of premier "Dancing with the stars". They have two sub channels to which they could move regular broadcasting to, but instead make it inaccessible to over the air viewers by moving it to their "cable only" channel. This is discriminatory. I use over the not because I can't afford cable, I just have very good signal reception and feel it is a waste of money to pay for something which is provided over the air for free! Please see my attachment of tonight's 9/12 TV schedule for WJLA channel 7.

Ticket: # 1322098 - Channel 7 CW7HD / WWMT

Date: 11/19/2016 6:03:52 PM

City/State/Zip: Parchment, Michigan 49004

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

On Saturday, November 19, WWMT was scheduled to air the Western Michigan University football game at 3:30PM on their channel 7. They failed to air the game. The channel is scrolling a message that the game is on a premium cable channel instead. Please investigate why this programming of great local interest has been moved to a pay channel instead of being aired over the air. This station has betrayed our trust and sold out community interest programming to big business! Please do everything in your power to ensure that they are not permitted to do anything of this nature again. Thank you.

[Ticket: # 856144 - over the air substandard TV broadcast](#)

Date: 3/9/2016 3:58:47 PM

City/State/Zip: Millersburg, Michigan 49759

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

ABC/NBC signals in our area are constantly breaking up and the sound track is delayed always. Issue has been on going for months. Signal went out for four days months ago and came back on with good service for a while and now seems to be getting worse by the day. Many complaints in area.

[Ticket: # 966298 - complaints against Asheville,N.C...TV STATION- WLOS-TV13 NEWS](#)

Date: 5/9/2016 12:25:14 PM

City/State/Zip: Asheville, North Carolina 28803

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast

Description

WLOS-TV NEWS EMPOLYEES ARE REFUSING TO REVIEW AND AIR MY STORY OF PROOF OF PUBLIC CORRUPTION AND RACISM BY THE ASHEVILLE,N.C. BUNCOMBE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE AND THE WHOLE JUDICIAL COURT SYSTEM,...I HAVE PROOF OF FALSIFIED AND FAKE COURT RECORDS THAT WAS USED AGAINST ME THAT CAUSE ME TO GO TO PRISON UNDER MALICIOUS PROSECUTION, CONSPIRACY COVER UP, RACISM, PUBLIC CORRUPTION AND MISCONDUCT,...MY NAME IS [REDACTED]

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Ticket: # 318115 - lack of CC's with GRIT TV network movies

Date: 6/2/2015 12:16:16 AM

City/State/Zip: Seattle, Washington 98144

Company Complaining About: Abc; Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

Seattle and western Washington's tv station broadcasting under the name GRIT TV shows all of their movies, 24/7, without cc's. Yet most of the movies shown on both of these stations already have cc's available. This

effectively disenfranchises tens of thousands of hearing impaired and or deaf television viewers in and around greater Seattle and Puget Sound. They and their advertisers are effectively disenfranchise and showing contempt, disdain and derision for the 35 to 40 million Americans who are hearing impaired or deaf. That number was reported in a NY Times Sci-Health section article in the 1990's. As there are now 60 million boomers, of whom 6,000 turn 60 every day, the number of hearing impaired Americans who depend on cc's is increasing every year. IF GRIT tv in Seattle and western Washington state (and other affiliates of GRIT around the US and their parent company) refuse to make their movies shown accessible to the hearing impaired or deaf by continuing to choose to show them without cc's when they could just as easily show them WITH cc's, I urge the FCC to not renew their broadcast license in 2016. If they do start showing their movies with cc's, then the FCC can continue to allow them to broadcast. GRIT Tv in Seattle is owned and broadcast by KOMO TV. Your company name choices, below, is strange as neither ABC (the parent and affiliated network of KOMO) nor Sinclair, the national network that broadcasts GRIT tv in cities around the US, are listed. ABC has, of course, been on the seen since the infancy years of tv, 1940's - 1950's. The TV issues field, below, is also bizarre as it is not showing closed captioning as an issue. Yet another complaint I submitted today about another Seattle broadcast tv station showed CC's as an issue. This submission is also showing a field, Account Number, that the prior submission I made (re Seattle's KIRO tv network) did not show. Very strange!

[Ticket: # 659006 - Broadcast Station's records should be investigated](#)

Date: 11/16/2015 5:51:08 PM

City/State/Zip: Kirksville, Missouri 63501

Company Complaining About: Ktvo Television Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

KTVO Television in Kirksville Missouri should have their logs and records reviewed for compliance. This station is operating above the approved kilowatt setting for that station. They also have not kept an accurate record regarding tower light monitoring and readings. This has been going on for a while and I do not believe it has been corrected as of yet. Please review their records.

[Ticket: # 677640 - News report over women following safe haven law](#)

Date: 11/25/2015 6:56:01 PM

City/State/Zip: Tulsa, Oklahoma 74126

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

KTUL Channel 8 in Tulsa Oklahoma posted an online report about a women who followed all of the rules under the safe haven law. However to me the news station violated her privace by reporting the color, make, model and also what the women was wearing in the report. They also failed to inform the public that this women did not break any of the laws with the safe haven act. A number of news stations in the area did the same thing with the car however channel 8 was the only one to tell us what the women was wearing. I would like to let you know that Fox23 report on this was perfect! They gave all the facts with the law and reported it as news and not as my father would call it a witch hunt for this brave women.

Ticket: # 1422310 - Deletion of Settle ABC affiliate/Local Broadcast Fee

Date: 1/27/2017 9:01:51 PM

City/State/Zip: Kirkland, Washington 98033-8828

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier Communications ceased to carry Seattle ABC affiliate KOMO-TV on the evening of December 31, 2016, in a contract dispute with station group owner Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. In addition to depriving me as a Frontier FiOS subscriber from access to ABC programming and local content from KOMO, they continue to charge the same "Broadcast TV Surcharge" of \$1.99 per month.

[Ticket: # 1060973 - Political Unfair Content](#)

Date: 6/29/2016 11:26:51 AM

City/State/Zip: Mobile, Alabama 36605

Description

Complaint was filed with Sinclair Broadcasting and WPMI on June 29, 2016:

Dear WPMI and Sinclair Broadcasting:

Re: Complaint about your daily "dose" of Mark Hyman and his extreme right wing anti Obama and anti Hillary Clinton and anti-non-discrimination laws of the United States.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

You are Licensees of the Federal Communications Commission. As such, you are required to provide fair and accurate and "both sides" of political, social, and other news topics.

Your daily broadcast of the Mark Hyman segment DOES NOT fit those fairness doctrines. This segment contains

1. Multiple misstatements of fact,
2. Misrepresentations of federal law,
3. Extremely slanted political views without answer opportunities,
4. Highly inflammatory "examples," IE: "Your 14 year old daughter will be housed with a 14 year-old boy without taking into account her concerns!" (June 29, 2016) that are false, designed to incite, and do incite extreme political reactions. and which "examples have no basis whatsoever in fact.
5. Are carefully designed to elicit political support for conservative and regressive political views over progressive political views.
6. Are carefully staged so as to appear as statements of fact from experts, while no such expertise exists.
7. Allow NO and invite NO contrary views.

I demand that you immediately:

1. Cease these unfair broadcasting practices while using public airways under your licenses,
2. That you immediately report to the FCC your violations and this complaint, as well as others received,
3. That you surrender all of your licenses for intentional and knowing violation of FCC fairness rules and guidelines.

I may be and wish to be contacted for further discussion.

Please acknowledge receipt of this complaint.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)



Mobile, Alabama 36605

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Ticket: # 1065822 - News Distortion**Date:** 7/1/2016 5:01:42 PM**City/State/Zip:** Bowling Green, Kentucky 42103**Company Complaining About:** Sinclair Broadcasting, Wear-tv 3, Pensacola, Fl

Description

We are coming upon the anniversary of this nation's independence. It is the time to rejoice in the freedoms we have in the US that other countries do not have. As a part of that, the freedom of the press is imperative. It is the mechanism to maintain the republic. If government is transparent to the press, democracy breathes. The less transparent government becomes the more democracy loses its ground. Power of the press keeps government on their toes. It is an essential function in American life. In order to preserve that, no person should control the truth.

SBGI's mission statement reflects that necessity:

We produce compelling, engaging, informative newscasts. Our stations hold public officials accountable, asking the tough questions that our viewers would ask. Our newscasts have stories that make a difference. The key to our success is content choices. Our goal is simple: We alert, protect and empower our audience on all platforms.

WEAR Channel 3, Pensacola, a Sinclair Broadcasting station, under the oversight of JC Lowe, has been strong armed by local corruption. The Escambia County Sheriff is currently under investigation by the State Attorney's Office for misappropriation of LET funds. Sheriff Morgan has quashed the cover of this issue. There is no news coverage of any of the Sheriff's questionable activities including the bullying of a local little league coach over a campaign sign. That was not covered. Mr. Lowe being "buddies" with Sheriff Morgan has become more important than the mission of Sinclair Broadcasting.

The following are links to articles that are of significance within the community that Sheriff Morgan has strong armed out of the news through WEAR.

<http://pulsegulfoast.com/2016/06/escambia-sheriff-under-fire-over-controversial-donations>

<http://cjsstreetreport.blogspot.com/2016/06/morgan-misused-letf-funds-for-billboards.html>

<http://www.pnj.com/story/news/local/escambia-county/2016/06/21/state-attorneys-office-reviewing-ecso-charity-efforts/86173366/>

<http://www.panhandlepolitico.com/escambia-news/put-it-back-county-overrules-sheriffs-removal-of-rival-campaign-sign/>

These are just a few of the articles. There are more and yet WEAR has declined to air any story that might show Morgan in a bad light in campaign season. This is a perversion of journalistic integrity. The people of Escambia County are being willfully misled by the misinformation on this candidate's handling of their money. That really should be considered an attempt to rig the election.

There is a demographic that openly advocates on social media to boycott anything to do with this station. The ripples of this will be felt for years to come and local information is less likely to held to the standard of news for the local people. If they cannot trust what is being shown as news in the form of stories about someone's cat, why are they taking up space in the area? Locals are going to the press outside the Pensacola market. Seems this station has either outlived its effectiveness as a point of info for the region or is this a mis-step that can be corrected? Unfortunately, I believe it is the former. Maybe that is Mr. Lowe's intent--to make the station is non-functional in order to close it. That would be a hardship within this, because people like my mother want to be able to see Sue Straughn and Bob Solarkski every night, because these people have established trust over the years, but Mr. Lowe is taking their integrity within the community down with it.

Shouldn't that be a part of the mission statement--undermining of the station and anchors connection to the community? I no longer live in the community but as it is my hometown, I watch the news and keep up with things online and via social media. Mr. Lowe has made Channel 3 irrelevant. Just something to think about.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Crusader, Blogger, Activist

Ticket: # 1097954 - Station Delayed evening news to avoid airing negative comments against Trump!

Date: 7/22/2016 3:53:24 AM

City/State/Zip: Eugene, Oregon 97403

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

Thursday Night at 11:30PM when the news should be ending KVAL TV 13 CBS, and KMTR TV 16 NBC both owned by Sinclair Broadcasting there was a game show on KVAL TV followed by News at 11:30 instead of 11pm! Yet on ABC KEZI TV 9 the news aired at 11pm on time followed by the Jimmy Kimmel Show on time as well.

Why do I say this was politically motivated because this is the same station that crafted a "News Advertisement" that was nothing but a pro Donald Trump advertisement. Both Stations KVAL & KMTR are owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group. Both have very critical satire about Donald Trump on Late Night Shows...is it a coincidence that both of the stations had to delay the news by over a half hour? I doubt it. I question it because of the earlier attempt to provide Donald Trump free ads and violate the equal time provisions under the law. Especially since other stations show the News and late night programs without delay or any issue.

Ticket: # 1109664 - Continuing problems With KVAL TV Channel 13

Date: 7/28/2016 7:24:26 PM

City/State/Zip: Eugene, Oregon 97403

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting Group

Description

Since the last complaint June 22 about the station pre-empting the late evening news with a TV game show "Wheel of Fortune" and delaying the late evening news until after 11:30 and not showing "the Late Show with Steven Colbert" in any complete form except the last 20 minutes. This is because of the political leanings of either Sinclair Broadcasting, the Station Manager, or the Program manager as they also created a supposed "news Promotion" which contained nothing but Donald Trump's campaign visit to Eugene, and the announcer being silent when Trump was speaking. The individuals involved are showing their political bias and curtailing discussion by not showing "the Late Show with Steven Colbert". The station has not made any announcement as to why this has happened, they make no statement explaining their actions during the time the news should be on, or anytime afterwards.

This I fear is just the tip of the problem since the FCC allowed Sinclair Broadcasting to buy 3 local TV stations and they now monopolize the market.

I do not feel Sinclair Broadcasting Group is operating in the public interest, but to push their political agenda forward.

Ticket: # 1120206 - Loud Commercials

Date: 8/4/2016 12:50:30 AM

City/State/Zip: Freeland, Washington 98249

Description

KOMO Channel 4 (ABC) Seattle, Washington owned by Sinclair Broadcasting is raising the sound levels of commercials to a painful degree. Please direct them to rectify this obnoxious practice by adhering to FCC regulations.

[Ticket: # 1141151 - conversions of broadcast spectrum](#)

Date: 8/16/2016 12:02:09 PM

City/State/Zip: Elmwood, Illinois 61529

Description

Quincy Media has reportedly transferred control of broadcast licenses including WHOI at Peoria, IL to Sinclair Broadcast Group for eventual auction sale. This transfer was reportedly done without need for FCC approval because it was a "swap" and not a "sale", but I disagree, in that other non-spectrum consideration was involved. Quincy Media has stated intent to air the ABC programming it will vacate from WHOI ch. 19 on a subcarrier of its local WEEK channel 25, to join the NBC programming it airs there. This is of great concern in that digital channel allocations are generally supportive of only a single signal in full HD quality. Quincy further intends to continue airing CW programming on 25 on yet another subcarrier. This is entirely contrary to the intent of the digital conversion, which promised to improve broadcast quality and provide for a greater variety of programming. Are broadcasters now to be allowed to simply stack multiple major networks onto a single channel, and then sell off the others, leaving viewers with poor quality and none of the promised additional choice? That promise has already been broken by the lack of forthcoming additional programs, and some which were offered, such as full-time local weather, have been dropped- perhaps in anticipation of this kind of a payday?

Ticket: # 1375292 - Frontier Communications and Sinclair Broadcasting Dispute

Date: 1/1/2017 8:35:39 PM

City/State/Zip: Sherwood, Oregon 97140

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

I would hope that the FCC can intervene to advocate for consumers of Frontier Communications cable services. I have been with Frontier for less than a year and am appalled that the local ABC affiliate has been removed from their channel lineup. Frontier is indicating Sinclair Broadcasting is demanding an increase of 200% in order to carry KATU the local ABC affiliate in Portland OR. This channel is now blacked out. Frontier is indicating Sinclair is unwilling to negotiate a new deal with fair rates. It is unacceptable that I pay a very high monthly fee for expanded cable, premium channels, internet and phone through Frontier and I can no longer watch a major network due to this issue. And, just switching to Comcast (as Sinclair is suggesting) would be very difficult given I am locked into a multi-year contract. Can you please step in and get them to settle this issue?

[Ticket: # 1378198 - Sinclair/Frontier Carriage Dispute](#)

Date: 1/3/2017 6:44:50 PM

City/State/Zip: Newberg, Oregon 97132

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Please consider reviewing and intervening in the current carriage dispute between Frontier Communications and Sinclair Broadcasting over the carrying of the ABC stations in Portland, OR and Seattle, WA. Both sides are doing nothing to resolve the issue and it is detrimental to the local communities where local competition is already slim.

[Ticket: # 1379206 - Local network ABC negotiations dispute](#)

Date: 1/4/2017 12:45:44 PM

City/State/Zip: Tigard, Oregon 97224-4538

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

I would like help in settling a dispute between Sinclair broadcasting company and frontier cable TV. They have been disputing over a 200% increase for front tier communications to carry the ABC affiliate and the two sides have not been able to negotiate the difference

Ticket: # 1380398 - Frontier and KATU Portland

Date: 1/4/2017 7:24:24 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97008

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier and KATU's owner, Sinclair Broadcast Group, are in a dispute over the broadcast rights. The cable provider says Sinclair wants a 200 percent increase for KATU (Channel 2) and other channels. I just don't see how they can pay them as it is to KATU's benefit to have more viewers to see their commercials. They are not a cable company and charge for their viewing as you can get them with an antenna. We enjoy recording everything with the DVR Frontier provides so we can time shift and see it when we are available. My wife and I are almost 80 and we dropped Comcast when it went from \$200 to \$249 in 2 months. We pay \$98 plus tax and the same thing with Comcast would have been \$218. We did this last July 2016. We do not want to go get an antenna and then disconnect our Frontier to watch KATU then hook it back up for Frontier. I understand you intervened before and had them settle this dispute in another area. I think them making the Cable company pay the broadcast companies is not right as it only affects the consumer.

Ticket: # 1380803 - Frontier - Sinclair dispute

Date: 1/4/2017 11:47:39 PM

City/State/Zip: Everett, Washington 98208

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

As of January 1, 2017, Frontier has stopped carrying ABC in the Seattle and Portland areas due to a dispute with Sinclair Broadcasting. From what I've read, Sinclair has increased their fee by 200%. This seems outrageous but I don't know the whole story. I don't feel that the consumer is well served if a cable company can't or won't carry local or major networks. I could switch to Comcast like a lot of people are doing but I feel that I would be circumventing the problem by succumbing to higher and higher fees. I feel that Comcast needs the competition from Frontier in this market to avoid a monopoly.

[Ticket: # 1381180 - Sinclair broadcasting group Price gouging Frontier communications](#)

Date: 1/5/2017 11:38:57 AM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98021

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Seattle Licensee, Llc Licensee Address: C/o Miles S. Mason, Pillsbury Winthrop S 1200 Seventeenth Street, Nw Washington, Dc 20036 2026638195 [phone]

Description

I subscribe to Frontier communications and always watch Sinclair Broadcast group/KOMO4/ABC. Apparently Sinclair is telling Frontier to Pay up a rate hike of 200% from previous rate increases. I feel this is an unacceptable rate increase and stand with Frontier in not paying this increase. I know Sinclair has a right to make a profit but this is price gouging and not acceptable. I feel that Sinclair's ownership of KOMO4 is not in the communities best interest.

Ticket: # 1381992 - REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF COMMUTER RAIL TRANSIT AS POTENTIAL RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

Date: 1/5/2017 3:59:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group, Cockeysville, Md 21030

Description

ACCORDING TO THE DESCRIPTION BELOW, THE STATION IS FAILING "TO OPERATE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST", AS REQUIRED BY FCC RULES.. THEY ARE VIOLATING FCC RULES BY FAILING TO ACCEPT AND MATERIALLY CONSIDER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMPLAINANT, THE ISSUES DISCUSSED.. A "CLEAR AND PRESENT NEED" EXISTS FOR WCIV TO OPERATE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND INVESTIGATE WHETHER THE CONDITION EXISTS AS DESCRIBED AND WHETHER THE SOLUTION(S) AS OUTLINED BY THE COMPLAINANT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE, PRACTICAL, AND ACHIEVABLE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS..

since the fall of 2015, I have attempted to contact wciv-tv channel 4, charleston, many times about the potential for a commuter rail service in the Charleston tri-county region.. I have emailed reporters, news managers, the station manager and the parent co., sinclair broadcast grp., cockeysville, md 21030, without reply.. there has been no reply.. charleston is a rapidly expanding region and traffic congestion is outpacing the resources to handle it.. a commuter rail system would reduce highway traffic along I-26 from downtown Charleston to Summerville, sc.. commuter rail would not only reduce congestion, but rail passengers would by-pass highway gridlock due to normal traffic, accidents closing multiple lanes, construction, and the occasional pursuit of criminals by law enforcement, where the fugitive abandoned a vehicle and began to run across lanes of traffic, possibly in oncoming lanes.. rail passengers instead would arrive at their destination on time, without stress or special concerns.. I don't understand wciv's reluctance to engage me by email, postal mail or personal contact.. why do they hide under their desks? do they reject the existence of traffic congestion? they provide daily maps of traffic delays on their newscasts, yet do not dignify my inquiries with even a polite "no thank you".. why? what is wciv's "angle" in ignoring my requests to merely hear my side and possibly air an interview on their newscast? i do not demand that any interview be aired, merely recorded and held until the time is best for showing to viewers.. all I propose is an investigation into whether commuter rail might be a good idea to relieve traffic woes: the political process, borrowing of money, appointment of a state-sanctioned governing board to oversee the project, construction, property acquisition, defense of lawsuits, seeking of loans and grant moneys from state and federal govts., public hearings to allow comment.. this is not intended to be a comprehensive, definitive statement, just an opening description of an inquiry as to the efficacy for commuter rail and informal views on how to assess the need and how it might be pursued within public forums, govt, funding and thru consultations with organizations who analyze communities as to growth and requirements for transportation on roads and other means..

[Ticket: # 1382192 - Frontier cable dropping Katu \(local ABC programming\)](#)

Date: 1/5/2017 4:52:45 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97007

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier cable has dropped KATU our local ABC affiliate while in negotiations with Sinclair Broadcast Group. This is a major inconvenience for all Frontier subscribers. On top of this they are not letting current subscribers out of their contracts (they are not lowering price either) leaving subscribers with no good alternative. This was done abruptly and not with good business PT. At the very least this station should be carried for paying customers while negotiations persists.

Ticket: # 1384180 - Major network broadcast channels dropped by Frontier Communications

Date: 1/6/2017 4:38:15 PM

City/State/Zip: Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier Communications has dropped all Sinclair Broadcast channels including ABC from their FIOS TV channel lineup and offered customers NO reduction in monthly charges or reasonable accommodation.

Ticket: # 1384295 - Frontier and Sinclair Broadcast Group dispute

Date: 1/6/2017 5:21:22 PM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97229

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

I have left messages with Frontier Communications and Sinclair Broadcast Group, owner of ABC affiliate KATU Ch 2 here in Portland, OR. As a result of their internal dispute over \$\$ or ?, Frontier and/or Sinclair has canceled all CH 2 programming. This is outrageous...both companies are causing their customers, of whom I am one, distress at not being able to receive ANY CH 2 programs. Please take action by getting these two organizations to resolve their issues so that programming is restored. Thank you!

[Ticket: # 1384869 - Frontier Communications and Sinclair](#)

Date: 1/7/2017 12:49:18 AM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97229

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier recently dropped local station, KATU, which is owned by Sinclair Broadcasting Group, from its lineup. Frontier will not give customers refunds or allow customers to opt out of contact even though they are not providing agreed upon services.

[Ticket: # 1387968 - frontier communications took one of our local channels \(ABC\) from our service.](#)

Date: 1/9/2017 8:04:14 PM

City/State/Zip: Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier took our local ABC network away due to contract dispute with Sinclair Broadcasting that wants to raise prices to Frontier and make them add channels that no one wants to watch. So we as customers get taken for a ride and we're sure sick of it. Sinclair also owns our Portland, Oregon station KATU. We want our local channel back ABC...Chan. 2 KATU now. Why does Sinclair get to CONTROL this fiasco and make all the decisions. They need to get their hands slapped and fined.

Ticket: # 1391708 - Frontier Communications - Dropped ABC

Date: 1/11/2017 4:23:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98012

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier communications is unwilling to negotiate with Sinclair broadcasting meaning we no longer get ABC, a channel we would get for free with bunny ears.

[Ticket: # 1393146 - ABC not available on Frontier anymore](#)

Date: 1/12/2017 12:31:25 PM

City/State/Zip: Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier and Sinclair Broadcast Group say they are in dispute over pricing for ABC / KATU in Portland, Oregon area (and some other channels), so ABC - KATU are no longer available to Frontier customers in Portland and Washington County. I have contacted both companies. They each blame the other and no progress appears to have been made in negotiations. It is unacceptable to not have access to ABC, one of the major channels. What can the FCC do about this?

Thank you.

Ticket: # 1649885 - Sinclair-Tribune Merger

Date: 5/17/2017 1:33:58 AM

City/State/Zip: Durham, North Carolina 27713

Company Complaining About: Sinclair-tribune Merger

Description

I am a concerned citizen and media consumer, and I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media. The merger would violate the FCC principles of diverse programming and local control. It is concerning that one company would own broadcast networks that reach over 45% of the country. Sinclair has also repeatedly violated the principles of fairness by presenting one-sided--and typically false--news segments that confuse voters. Please reject Sinclair's bid to purchase Tribune Media. Thank you for taking my call.

[Ticket: # 1649971 - I am AGAINST the Sinclair bid to buy Tribune Media](#)

Date: 5/17/2017 7:51:01 AM

City/State/Zip: Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

To whom it may concern at the FCC, I am a concerned citizen and media consumer, and I am writing to say that I am AGAINST the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media. The merger would violate the FCC principles of diverse programming and local control. It is concerning that one company would own broadcast networks that reach over 45% of the country. Sinclair has also repeatedly violated the principles of fairness by presenting one-sided—and typically false—news segments that confuse voters. Please reject Sinclair's bid to purchase Tribune Media. Thank you for taking my call.

Ticket: # 1651471 - Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media merger

Date: 5/17/2017 3:13:05 PM

City/State/Zip: Raleigh, North Carolina 27612

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

Hi, I am a concerned citizen and media consumer, and I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media. The merger would violate the FCC principles of diverse programming and local control. It is concerning that one company would own broadcast networks that reach over 45% of the country. Sinclair has also repeatedly violated the principles of fairness by presenting one-sided—and typically false—news segments that confuse voters. Please reject Sinclair's bid to purchase Tribune Media. Thank you for looking out for democracy.

Ticket: # 1652458 - Merger

Date: 5/17/2017 10:00:10 PM

City/State/Zip: Goldsboro, North Carolina 27534

Company Complaining About: Time Warner

Description

Hi, I am a concerned citizen and media consumer, and I am calling to express my opposition to the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media. The merger would violate the FCC principles of diverse programming and local control. It is concerning that one company would own broadcast networks that reach over 45% of the country. Sinclair has also repeatedly violated the principles of fairness by presenting one-sided--and typically false--news segments that confuse voters. Please reject Sinclair's bid to purchase Tribune Media. Thank you.

Ticket: # 1379733 - Frontier Communications vs Sinclair Broadcast

Date: 1/4/2017 3:14:41 PM

City/State/Zip: Aloha, Oregon 97003

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Do to how much money Frontier Communications should or should not pay Sinclair Broadcast has ended a no win for tv viewers. I live in Portland Metro, Oregon and- as of 1 January 2017- can no longer see ABC shows-KATU channel. There must be a way to settle this issue.

[Ticket: # 1385335 - Frontier and Sinclair Broadcasting contract](#)

Date: 1/7/2017 4:15:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97008

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Sinclair Broadcasting has been holding Frontier customers hostage for a week with their demand for a ridiculous 200% fee increase. Sinclair has been so tone deaf to the actual marketplace that they have told Frontier customers to seek other providers. It is not their place to control the marketplace with such tactics. The locations they are punishing with these tactics trend toward the liberal side of the aisle. Are they punishing us? Politics should not enter into simple entertainment but I do wonder. Please enter the negotiation and fix the problem.

Ticket: # 1404392 - Complaint regarding Frontier Communications and local ABC affiliate

Date: 1/19/2017 12:13:36 AM

City/State/Zip: Snohomish, Washington 98296

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

December 31 our TV provider, Frontier Communications, dropped our local ABC affiliate (KOMO 4, owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group). No updates have been provided or communicated to Frontier customers and when we call the company the customer service reps do not know anything about it. I feel that the national broadcasting networks should not be dropped ceremoniously from TV providers. Please aid these companies in coming to an agreement so that customers can get their network programming back.

Ticket: # 1432658 - Insufficient negotiations between Frontier and Sinclair Broadcast.

Date: 2/2/2017 4:56:02 PM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98012-7248

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

It has been over a month now since the talks have broken down. That is too long to keep holding the subscribers hostage. I believe that the FCC should step in and get this moving. over 30% of what we watch on Frontier TV feed is on KOMO a Seattle based Sinclair Broadcast station. As we are not allowed to put up external antennas in our residence due to neighborhood covenants. We are being blocked from viewing a local broadcast station.

I believe that this should cause the FCC to intervene.

[Ticket: # 471095 - I'm with Dish Network, Sinclair in underhanded](#)

Date: 8/16/2015 1:31:15 AM

City/State/Zip: Hartwell, Georgia 30643

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Sinclair a Broadcasting group is acting dirty and underhanded taking away do many stations in so many markets, and urging others to get OTS, other satellite companies, or cable companies claiming its Dish Networks fault. I do not believe this, since Sinclair owns so many stations in so many markets and controls those stations and what they can ask for in retrnsmissions.

I can not get OTA I'm too far away from any actual stations. I can not afford to cancel one service to start another, and our cable company (former one) that we had, Comcad, lied repeatedly about what stations and packages, and prices we could get just to get sales.

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DISH urges FCC to take immediate action to protect millions of innocent consumers from unlawful negotiating tactics of Sinclair

DISH notifies FCC that Sinclair has threatened largest blackout in U.S. retransmission consent history to intentionally exploit millions of innocent consumers to gain negotiating leverage

DISH asserts Sinclair is violating FCC good faith negotiation requirements mandated by Congress

Complaint states Sinclair is attempting to negotiate illegally on behalf of 32 stations it doesn't control

DISH requests that the FCC grant preliminary injunctive relief to protect consumers

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"Sinclair's 'take-it-or-leave-it' posture is in direct violation of federal regulations – they have offered a single path and are threatening that any deviation from that path will lead to a consumer blackout."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15, 2015 – Today, DISH Network L.L.C. filed a Verified Retransmission

Complaint asserting, among other things, that in direct violation of Federal Communications

Commission (FCC) rules mandated by the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 (STELAR), Sinclair

Broadcast Group, Inc. is refusing to negotiate with DISH for retransmission consent for Sinclair's

stations unless DISH also agrees to allow Sinclair to negotiate for 32 stations that Sinclair does not control and are in the same markets as Sinclair stations.

The retransmission consent contract between DISH and Sinclair expires tonight at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

DISH also charges that in violation of FCC regulation, Sinclair has assumed a unilateral stance to its negotiations, including the refusal of a contract extension so the parties can explore alternative paths toward an agreement.

“We’re asking the FCC to act on behalf of consumers to bring Sinclair back in line with the law,” said Jeff Blum, DISH senior vice president and deputy general counsel. “Sinclair’s ‘take-it-or-leave-it’ posture is in direct violation of federal regulations – they have offered a single path and are threatening that any deviation from that path will lead to a consumer blackout.”

DISH and Sinclair have been making steady progress in their recent negotiations, and DISH was hopeful that mutual agreement would be reached to renew carriage of the Sinclair local stations in due course. In that spirit, DISH offered a short-term contract extension to Sinclair that would include a retroactive “true-up” when new rates were agreed upon, and would preserve the ability of DISH customers to access the Sinclair local stations while negotiations continued. The “true-up” would ensure that Sinclair was made whole at the new rates for the period of the contract extension.

Instead of accepting DISH’s good faith offer, Sinclair is threatening the largest local channel blackout in retransmission consent history, which would block DISH customers’ access to 153 local channels in 79 markets. Rather than negotiating in good faith as required by law, it is clear from these actions that Sinclair is seeking to intentionally harm and exploit millions of innocent consumers to gain negotiating leverage.

“Since we offered to retroactively true them up when new rates were agreed upon, Sinclair had nothing to lose and consumers had everything to gain from an extension of our existing contract that would allow negotiations to continue,” added Blum. “Instead, Sinclair has rejected our offer and has chosen to use innocent consumers as pawns to gain leverage for the economic benefit of Sinclair, while causing substantial harm and disruption to the lives of those very same consumers who ultimately will bear the brunt of the unfair price increases sought by Sinclair.”

DISH is asking the FCC to immediately grant preliminary injunctive relief while the Commission considers the complaint, and to require Sinclair to negotiate in good faith for the stations for which it has control under FCC rules.

The formal complaint can be read here: <https://dishnetwork.newshq.businesswire.com/document-library/verified-retransmission-complaint-dish-network-llc-against-sinclair>

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Ticket: # 1683346 - Broadcast diversity and competition

Date: 6/4/2017 1:33:40 PM

City/State/Zip: Stuyvesant, New York 12173

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

The local CBS affiliate, WRGB, has been bought by the Sinclair Broadcast Group, one of whose first acts was to replace the second half hour of the long-running, widely-respected, network show "Face the Nation" with the "fake news" program "Full Measure," produced by Sinclair and full of misinformation, one-sided presentations and bias masquerading as "news."

This is the way Sinclair has operated around the nation, substituting their bigoted point of view for any semblance of balanced reporting. Since part of your mandate is to protect a free press and make sure that the public airwaves support a wide diversity of opinion, I urge you to re-instate some form of the "fairness doctrine" to the media, and limit the control of information fomented by increasing consolidation in the broadcast media. In that interest, I urge you to reverse the recent change in the ownership calculation rules that allows Sinclair to widen its hold on broadcast outlets and propagate its biased views and propaganda.

Beyond your duty to the Broadcast Industry and to the Trump Administration, you have a duty to the American Public, which takes precedence. I urge you to take the responsibility seriously.

Ticket: # 1686072 - Ajit Pai must resign or be removed

Date: 6/5/2017 9:20:49 PM

City/State/Zip: Venice, Florida 34293

Company Complaining About: Fcc

Description

As a former Verizon attorney, who will doubtless take the revolving door back to industry, Ajit Pai has a blatant conflict of interest. He should not even be on the FCC, let alone chair it. He should resign, be removed, or have articles of impeachment filed against him by a member of the House.

The internet is a utility. It should be regulated as such. Even a recent, slanted industry survey found that 61% support net neutrality, while only 18% opposed it. [1] But Chairman Pai is seeking to hand control of it to the ISP's.

Contrary to Pai's claims, net neutrality was not imposed by the Obama administration; it was only adopted after a firestorm of protests and some 4,000,000 public comments overwhelmingly in favor. Gutting net neutrality is not in the interest of either consumers or content providers. It would only benefit ISP's - Pai's former and likely future employers.

Pai has dissembled, prevaricated and told outright lies in his campaign to gut net neutrality, using phrases like "free and open internet" and "light touch regulation" to disguise the fact that what he is proposing is to hand ISP's the power to censor or blackmail content providers with tiered pricing. He had the unmitigated gall to claim that net neutrality is stifling innovation and investment when there is absolutely no evidence of that. To add insult to injury, Pai then made the ridiculous suggestion that ISP's could voluntarily agree to provide equal access to all sites. Sorry, not good enough - the public wants, and should get, mandated equal access to all sites - mega corporations should not be able to buy up the bandwidth.

Is Pai an incompetent who is unaware of the facts above as well as the recent Comcast/Netflix fracas? Or an arrogant buffoon with such contempt for the public, which he is supposed to serve, that he assumes we won't recognize his steaming pile of disinformation for what it is?

Pai is also trying to reinstate the UHF discount loophole, so that his cronies at Sinclair Broadcasting can misrepresent their current 38% share of the market as only 25%, and thus acquire an even larger share. Someone like Pai, who thinks consolidation of media control is a good thing, should not be on the FCC.

The internet is a public good, developed with taxpayer dollars. It should be managed for the benefit of the public, not Pai's corporate cronies. Likewise, the airwaves belong to the public and should be managed in the public interest. Clean up the corruption, fire Pai.

Finally, what's with his stupid oversized mug? If he's getting paid for product placement, isn't that illegal? In any event, such sophomoric behavior is not appropriate. If Pai is interested in a career in marketing, I believe there is a major international corporation which is always looking for a few good clowns - I'm sure they'd find him highly qualified.

Clearly, we should keep net neutrality, and get rid of the UHF discount loophole, and Pai.

Thank you for your consideration.

[Ticket: # 1644979 - Sinclair Broadcast Group / Tribune Media Merger](#)

Date: 5/14/2017 10:28:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Beavercreek, Ohio 45430

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

Please do not allow Sinclair Broadcast Group to buy Tribune Media. Media control in this country is becoming more and more concentrated. Why were FCC regulations reduced to allow this merger? The Sinclair Broadcast Group has proven that it will use its network stations to promote right-wing propaganda. It is the FCC's job to protect Americans from this sort of corruption. Please do your job.

[Ticket: # 1735129 - cubs baseball](#)

Date: 6/28/2017 3:36:51 PM

City/State/Zip: Springfield, Illinois 62703

Company Complaining About: Directv

Description

sinclair broadcasting purchase the rights to rebroadcast cubs baseball from WGN in central Illinois. They put it on an over the air station which is over 70 miles away and not accessible by antenna. I pay a premium to MLB but Sinclair blacks out all MLB on Dish and DirectTv. WLS Chicago also purchase the rights to Cubs baseball but they put it on local stations carried by cable and satellite. why do they have the power to blackout a program that is not even available in our area

Ticket: # 1391642 - Loss of enjoyment of particular TV channels

Date: 1/11/2017 4:07:20 PM

City/State/Zip: Snohomish, Washington 98296

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Frontier Communications dropped certain channels in the Seattle market area, as well as other states, due to an inability to resolve re-transmission agreements with Sinclair Broadcasting Group Inc.; specifically KOMO 4, ComeTV, Reelz, Grit TV and the Tennis channel. As a result of the dispute between these 2 parties I no longer receive the enjoyment of those channels and my bill has not been lowered as a result. Frontier spokesperson Javier Mendoza has publicly stated in the Everett Herald Jan. 4th, 2017 "FiOS occasionally changes its channel offerings. That's covered in our customer service agreement," Mendoza said. "Such programming package changes are part of normal business and no discounts are available." In other words, Frontier refuses to adjust my bill as a result of their dispute. Their current FIOS TV terms of service, Jan. 14, 2015, state they have the right to change or modify programming however it DOES NOT state that they WILL NOT adjust billing accordingly. Please read the following:

SERVICE CHANGES.

Subject to applicable law, we reserve the right to change, re-arrange, add, delete or otherwise modify the Service at any time, with or without prior notice to you, including changing, rearranging or otherwise modifying our Programming packages, the selections available in those packages, the Equipment, and any other features, products and services that we offer.

Since I have very few avenues of remedy, I turn to the FCC for help and ask you to please work with Frontier to lower my bill as a result of the loss of TV channels.

Thank You

[Ticket: # 1658779 - ATSC 3.0 Tuning chips in mobile devices](#)

Date: 5/22/2017 9:52:46 AM

City/State/Zip: Dunedin, Florida 34697

Company Complaining About: Sinclair

Description

My question involves Sinclair Broadcasting's development of an ATSC 3.0 receiving chip for mobile phones. Will this capability also include the ability to tune ATSC 1.0 television stations or will independent and minority broadcasters unable or unwilling to convert be excluded from the potential mobile device OTA market?

[Ticket: # 100281 - Explicit words](#)

Date: 1/26/2015 12:23:24 PM

City/State/Zip: San Antonio, Texas 78201

Description

Sinclair Broadcasting Company, KABB Fox 29, DayTime at 9 Show, Jan.26, 2015. Right before signing off at 10am incident happened. The show jumped to the computer screen scrolling down while talking about "ex football players" list on the screen is a GIF image you see the "F" word is displayed fully for about 6-10 seconds before cutting back to the host. The host male host has also lost his cool and used cuss words only to have the female look surprised and move the show on.

[Ticket: # 138541 - over the air broadcast](#)

Date: 2/18/2015 4:30:40 PM

City/State/Zip: Leroy, Illinois 61752

Company Complaining About: Grit Tv 15-3 Run By Wicd 15.0 Owned By Sinclair Broadcast

Description

We have a channel in my area of central Illinois called 15-3 grit tv that for 5 days has had no sound. I have contacted the station in charge channel 15 wcid in champaign Ill. to no response. I then contacted Sinclair broadcasting in Maryland. still no fix. being disabled and on a fixed income we have grown a need for working channels.

Ticket: # 383827 - No closed captioning on Ring of Honor Wrestling's Internet broadcasts

Date: 7/5/2015 10:50:09 PM

City/State/Zip: Herndon, Virginia 20171

Company Complaining About: Ring Of Honor Wrestling / Sinclair Broadcasting Group

Description

Ring of Honor Wrestling is owned by Sinclair Broadcasting, and its weekly TV show is shown on Sinclair-owned stations throughout the United States as well as on the Destination America cable TV channel. If viewed on TV, the program is closed captioned.

However, every week, this same broadcast is also uploaded on ROHWrestling.com (Ring of Honor's official website) - but unlike on TV, when seen on ROHWrestling.com, this exact same program is not closed captioned in spite of the FCC's requirements. The programming itself is identical in all respects, other than the method of transmission.

In resolution, ROHWrestling.com should be updated to ensure that the closed captioning that is required when the show is shown on broadcast TV via Sinclair-owned stations and on cable TV via Destination America is also displayed on the ROHWrestling.com website, so that Deaf and hard-of-hearing fans throughout the USA can enjoy equal access to Ring of Honor's programming.

[Ticket: # 490022 - Sinclair Broadcasting vs Dish network](#)

Date: 8/25/2015 5:41:42 PM

City/State/Zip: Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

Description

I have been researching the current dispute between Sinclair broadcasting and Dish network which has blacked out my 2 favorite television stations in the Oklahoma City market (KOKH - 25 & KOCB - 34). Sinclair broadcasting has used illegal tactics bordering on monopolistic behavior in their negotiations with Dish network. This cannot be allowed or tolerated by the FCC. You need to step in immediately and order Sinclair to allow immediate retransmission of all affected stations, and then to negotiate in a legal good faith effort. In addition, because of the illegal tactics utilized by Sinclair, their should be suitable punishment such as large fines, compensation paid to Dish (for their troubles and lost subscribers), and possibly even forcing them to divest themselves of some of their stations or broadcast licenses to prevent this form of monopolistic behavior in the future.

[Ticket: # 490226 - blackout of sinclair stations on dish network](#)

Date: 8/25/2015 6:47:40 PM

City/State/Zip: Mesquite, Nevada 89027

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

as a small cable provider located 75 out of las vegas we have to get our off air station from dish network. now dish network and sinclair broadcasting have turned the off airs from las vegas off. i could assume they did it nationaly. i have to pay sinclair retransmission fees and dish network fees to get these stations . now my phone is ringing off the hook because they are off. please have fcc step in and deal with these kind of situations.

Ticket: # 490400 - Dish Network and KBOI TV Boise, Idaho

Date: 8/25/2015 8:19:10 PM

City/State/Zip: Eagle, Idaho 83616

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

KBOI TV Boise, Idaho was taken off the air this afternoon by Dish network who has been in negotiations with Sinclair Broadcasting and now we can't watch CBS national programming. This is uncalled for and needs to be addressed immediately. Why do customers have to suffer when Dish and Sinclair are so greedy???? Please allow us in the Boise area to watch the national feed of CBS until this mess is settled. All we ask is to be able to watch what should be free programming. Revoke the license of Sinclair and KBOI and allow us to watch. Please call me at (b) (6) This happened 5 years ago and we were without CBS for 5 months. Please fix this.

Ticket: # 490617 - channel blackouts

Date: 8/25/2015 10:35:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Henderson, Nevada 89044

Description

My complaint is with you, FCC. Why do you not step in when broadcasters and cable/satellite providers get into these ridiculous pissing contests, while paying customers are denied the programming they were promised? This one right now between DISH and Sinclair Broadcasting is insane. I have DISH but I realize that Sinclair is to blame - they have NO RIGHT to black out a channel, especially a network affiliate that would otherwise be accessed for free. Why do you let this nonsense go on? Isn't this your job? Sinclair should be fined significantly for every station they have blacked out, and for every day that the blackout continues. Do something! Maybe people will actually stop complained about a federal government that can't get anything done.

Ticket: # 490667 - TV Channels

Date: 8/25/2015 11:18:38 PM

City/State/Zip: Yoncalla, Oregon 97499

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

You have allowed companies like Sinclair Broadcasting to violate the intent of the FCC when the FCC forced satellite & cable companies to carry local networks. You stopped them to be able to provide access to ABC, NBC, CBS & FOX on a national basis.

My satellite rates keep climbing & I am sure it is these companies like Sinclair are extorting money. They should be so lucky that the satellite companies carry their local networks. They obviously don't realize the consumers will just start steaming the shows we want & will not be seeing any local ads from their station.

I think as a consumer I should get to decide where I want to receive these channels & not the FCC. I thought our country was based on FREEDOM.

You have made rulings which violate free trade.

I don't want to see the local channels. When before I paid extra just to get the networks from the East & West coast which was great. I got to watch my shows without the local yokel news & ads. I should have a CHOICE!

The FCC has made it where the consumer does not have FREEDOM to make the choice they want in television.

[Ticket: # 490715 - Sinclair taking away channels](#)

Date: 8/25/2015 11:58:06 PM

City/State/Zip: Imacomb, Illinois 61455

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

Effective today Sinclair Broadcast Group has blocked ABC and CBS channels from our Dish Network. We don't have a say in which local stations we get (so we have ours out of Quincy, IL even though if we had Comcast we would get Peoria IL); the prices are high (who regulates this), and the only cable company we are able to utilize in our area is Comcast (they don't even have a local office anymore so all orders, complaints, etc are done over the phone). For this reason we chose to use Dish Network. And now we are down to 1 local channel NBC. How can one company blackout these channels without any repercussions from the FCC? Something needs to be done.

Ticket: # 490822 - WEAR 3 & WFGX 35

Date: 8/26/2015 6:22:46 AM

City/State/Zip: Evergreen, Alabama 36401

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Thank To SINCLAIR BROADCASTING GROUP & DISH, We Cannot Get WEAR CHANNEL 3.& WFGX 35. We Pay Good Money For TV Services. We Need The FCC . To Mediate An Agreement!!!

Ticket: # 490952 - Dish Network Channel Blackout

Date: 8/26/2015 9:56:23 AM

City/State/Zip: Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Dish Network has pulled a number of my local channels from my channel lineup. This is the third blackout in just this year alone. The channels that have been pulled are owned by Sinclair Broadcasting. According to news sources, the dispute is over Sinclair demanding higher carriage fees for a cable channel THAT THEY DON'T CURRENTLY OWN. These are over-the-air channels that are supposed to be provided free of charge to all consumers. The area I live in does not receive over the air signals due to topography, so this is not an option for me. Why are these companies allowed to play these games? These media conglomerates need to be regulated or broken up! According to their license terms, they are supposed to operate in the public interest and this falls woefully short of that goal.

[Ticket: # 491065 - Sinclair stations off air](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 10:39:32 AM

City/State/Zip: Grants Pass, Oregon 97527

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

I think the government needs to step in to stop large media from driving up rates on television broadcasting. Rates are already extremely high. This is ridiculous behaviour by Sinclair broadcasting.

Ticket: # 491209 - Sinclair Broadcasting blacking out stations

Date: 8/26/2015 11:17:23 AM

City/State/Zip: Prineville, Oregon 97754

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

DISH & Sinclair Broadcasting have been in negotiations. Customers were told negotiations were continuing but then Sinclair pulled our local ABC station (KATU). I live in rural Oregon - satellite is my only choice. Sinclair seems to be the "biggest TV station group" - yet they hold viewers hostage while they conduct business negotiations. Are they a monopoly? What about all the extra stations we pay for thru our satellite provider that we don't need/want to watch? How can we be assured to always keep the national stations ABC/CBS/NBC/FOX without being "bargaining chips" to these big companies? Please HELP!!

[Ticket: # 491482 - Sinclair Broadcasting and Dish Network](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 12:37:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Queen City, Missouri 63561

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

I am complaining about the blackout Sinclair Broadcasting is doing with Dish Network. Since they are required to provide the local stations that Sinclair Broadcasts we the consumer are being held hostage to their unethical business dealings. We can't get our local information without an antenna or I was told to go online. What if I don't have internet. This is a poor area and they should have a duty to provide our service without interruption. You let the companies get by with murder and railroad us consumers.

Ticket: # 491605 - Sinclair Broadcasting and DISH

Date: 8/26/2015 1:13:49 PM

City/State/Zip: Asheville, North Carolina 28814

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

I am disgusted that Sinclair Broadcasting has pulled broadcast channels from my satellite service on DISH. According to DISH, Sinclair Broadcasting has denied re-broadcast for their local over-the-air channels in our regional (western NC) and others. As the stations being withheld are broadcast stations, I understood DISH was required to re-broadcast them, and DISH says they have agreed to the pricing required by Sinclair.

It appears to me that Sinclair is in breach of the FCC requirements in this withholding of re-broadcast, and I ask that the FCC take immediate action to either force their proper behavior or be shut down completely. This is a disgusting and un-American activity by Sinclair Broadcasting and should not be allowed by the FCC.

Ticket: # 491675 - Sinclair Broadcast blackout

Date: 8/26/2015 1:24:25 PM

City/State/Zip: Hot Springs Village, Arkansas 71909

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Apparently the Sinclair Broadcast network is blacking out 79 markets in 36 states, including my area for local stations not because they have not reached a deal with Dish, my service provider, but because they apparently want some future leverage for a cable outlet they do not yet own. Dish has filed a complaint with the FCC and I support Dish. Sinclair is wrong and the consumers should not be asked to pay the price. At the very least, if they choose to do this blackout of service, then they owe the consumers a refund because our monthly bills will not otherwise decline even though what we pay for will. We need a repeal of the 60 year old retransmission law that is outdated and no longer necessary, but is costing consumers unnecessary billion of dollars in extra fees.

Ticket: # 492246 - national cable provider drops local programming channel

Date: 8/26/2015 4:10:13 PM

City/State/Zip: Liberty, Indiana 47353

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

In the Cincinnati, Ohio area, Dish Network has dropped local 12 programming and all CBS programming provided by Sinclair Broadcasting Co. Each company points the finger at the other company as to why the programming has been dropped. The dispute is over fees charged. Basically Sinclair wants to charge more than what Dish wants to pay. So Dish dropped all their Local 12 (CBS) programming.

The thing is, that when HD formatting was "sold" to consumers and we had to upgrade to get local programming over cable providers, or buy a special "box", we were told that this would not interrupt local programming i.e. we could continue to get local programming as normal via cable. Well now we are NOT getting local programming via our cable provider, who at their whim, has decided not to pay the higher price demanded for the local programming, specifically CBS.

I say make them BOTH accountable for providing local programming service or pay a huge penalty back to the consumers.

[Ticket: # 492333 - stopped broadcasting ABC channel 2 Portland Or](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 4:27:42 PM

City/State/Zip: Longview, Washington 98632

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

ABC channel 2 KATU Portland OR cost battle between Sinclair broadcasting and Dishnet has caused the station to go silent . This is a national public broadcast company it is FREE tv to watch its ABC and I am just as entitled to watch this network as anyone else why does Sinclair have the right to hold it hostage why do I have to pay at all let alone pay more to watch what everyone gets for free? advertising pays for ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX ect. charge everone not just a few or charge NO ONE Sinclair should be fined everyday it blacks outs FREE TV do your job protect the public first not company greed ya right thats going to happen

[Ticket: # 492384 - Sinclair Broadcasting / Dish Network dispute](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 4:39:25 PM

City/State/Zip: Manton, Michigan 49663

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Sinclair Broadcasting are denying Dish Network rebroadcast of their free broadcast signal. The broadcast spectrum should be available to all but those unable receive that signal by the only alternative means (satellite) are being held hostage by Sinclair. The government should be ensuring the fair utilization and access to public radio spectrum by the public. It is NOT a resource for the sole commercial exploitation of Sinclair Broadcasting.

[Ticket: # 492716 - Sinclair Broadcasting](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 6:29:08 PM

City/State/Zip: Oak Harbor, Washington 98277-9425

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

How can Sinclair Broadcasting suddenly pull the plug on thousands of customers of DISH? Our local ABC station KOMO said programming would continue while negotiations were ongoing, then suddenly we no longer have ABC or our local station. Is it because DISH filed a complaint with you? In our rural location we have to have Comcast, Dish or Direct TV, but we are sick and tired of being at their mercy and disputes. What about consumer protections??

[Ticket: # 492965 - Lack of Service KBOI-TV ; Sinclair Broadcast Group](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 8:21:12 PM

City/State/Zip: Garden City, Idaho 83714

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

SInclair Broadcast Group's local channels KBOI-TV and KYUU-LD have been removed from being rebroadcast via Dish Network. This prevents my use and enjoyment of the broadcast services. I use satellite as the signal broadcast signal quality of this station is deficient at my residence.

Can the FCC force this large monopoly power broadcast group to divest the station ownership to a consumer friendly broadcaster?

Ticket: # 645975 - Constant Activation of E.A.S

Date: 11/9/2015 3:46:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Company Complaining About: Time Warner

Description

Sinclair Broadcasting in Columbus Ohio is trying to get cable customers to switch to Satellite service by constantly activating the EAS. I know it's Sinclair because there shows are always in commercials when this happens. Below is just 1 month of date and times.

10-1-15 210am

10-12-15 212am

10-26-15 215am 315am 340am

10-27-15 230am

11-2-15 207am 221am 320am 342am 355am 401am

11-5-15 319am

11-9-15 228am 241am 304am 312am 316am 401am

There license should be revoked and they should be seriously fined.

Ticket: # 722463 - KATU Sub-Channel

Date: 12/23/2015 1:53:24 AM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97205

Company Complaining About: Katu 2 In Portland Or

Description

I emailed to Engineering@KATU.COM as I asked Engineering staff forwards to Board of Directors who responsible handles sub channel issues as I asked them add other licensee adds to KATU, please. I want heard from KATU, please via response through E-Mail only. I want seeing these adding sub channels to KATU's system, please. Tell KATU having Happy Holidays and included Merry Christmas!

Hello KATU staffs:

Whom may it concern

Report to the Boards of Directors:

I write in an honorable letter to KATU staff who have her or his responsible handle adding license like Sinclair Broadcast Group and adding second of licensee:

Licensee: FOX TELEVISION STATIONS, LLC

that I want two licenses on KATU gets more sub-channels into your suggestion box. that I heard other a few of TV stations had two licenses.

FOX TELEVISION STATIONS, LLC offers imovies, Buzzr, Heroes & Icons should be placed on KATU or KUNP either way, let me know what KATU decision.

Please having Happy Holidays to all KATU employees from David Johnson (deaf) in Portland OR!

Please having all paid due of respect business with KATU requests. Sincerely, Mr. (b) (6),

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Portland OR 97205

Please do not block communicate with me! Please invite Mr. (b) (6) to KATU 2 TV station as I want KATU gift iPad mini 4 with 124GB Gray/Black Wifi/Cellular as offer me in sign language interpreter while visiting giving me tour their TV station. Please consider welcoming me to KATU! Mr. Matt Johnson works for KATU allows meeting with Mr. (b) (6) (deaf), pleasure! Matt Johnson had contacted me through Facebook so Please used Facebook or email contacts with me only, DO NOT USE NUMBERS!

Ticket: # 1375467 - Frontier FiOS TV and Sinclair broadcasting

Date: 1/2/2017 4:01:44 AM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98012

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

This current standoff between Frontier and Sinclair is completely unfair to consumers. As a recent Frontier customer I can't cancel my contract (besides the hassle and additional costs) to find another provider. And the rate increases Sinclair is asking for are shameful. Both parties are engaged in a negotiating ploy that is holding me hostage. And I have zero leverage as a consumer except to reach out to you. I am hoping you apply pressure to both parties to resolve the situation soon.

[Ticket: # 1375636 - Frontier and Sinclair Broadcast Group](#)

Date: 1/2/2017 12:25:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97008

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Both groups have failed to resolved their contract negotiations over what Frontier must pay to carry Sinclair's channels.

This issue denies my family access as over-the-air us of a TV antenna does not work or very poor quality.

Please help resolve this issue.

Ticket: # 1379664 - Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 1/4/2017 2:59:02 PM

City/State/Zip: Troutdale, Oregon 97060

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

Frontier Communications has dropped the local affiliate (KATU) in the Portland, OR area. Sinclair and other local affiliates) should thank the cable/satellite companies for rebroadcasting free (over the air) local station as it primarily benefits the consumer and the affiliate. We can watch ABC network shows with an antenna or live stream. In the mean time we will get our news from other local affiliates. I have no relation to Frontier or Sinclair/KATU other than being a customer of both. All of the local affiliates should charge enough to cover the costs of rebroadcasting but should not try to make it a revenue stream. Sinclair should stop this nonsense!

Thank you.

Ticket: # 1380850 - Sinclair Broadcasting and Frontier Communications

Date: 1/5/2017 1:14:35 AM

City/State/Zip: Lynnwood, Washington 98087

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

It seems the negotiations between Sinclair and Frontier have hit a wall. Would it be possible for the FCC to encourage a resolution?

Ticket: # 1387170 - Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 1/9/2017 3:04:11 PM

City/State/Zip: Aloha, Oregon 97078-2896

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

I am very disappointed with SBG's decision to discontinue broadcasting to Frontier Communications customers regarding KATU in Oregon. I feel they are being unreasonably greedy in demanding such a high increase in rates which Frontier does not wish to pass on to their customers. I realize we may be only 3% of their broadcast audience, but we are an IMPORTANT 3%. I do not fault Frontier for this situation since SBG is the culprit in the decision to not broadcast KATU.

[Ticket: # 1632949 - Sinclair Broadcasting Group](#)

Date: 5/8/2017 11:26:43 PM

City/State/Zip: Florence, South Carolina 29505

Company Complaining About: Time Warner

Description

This is too big a monopoly. You know this. The FCC isn't looking out for the public. FCC, God will judge your greed on this merger.

Ticket: # 1383565 - Frontier Communications and Sinclair Broadcasting Negotiations

Date: 1/6/2017 1:25:34 PM

City/State/Zip: Gresham, Oregon 97030

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Due to Frontier and Sinclair in a charge dispute, we are not able to watch our favorite shows on our favorite channel ABC - KATU-2 here in Gresham Oregon. Frontier has taken ABC off and we cannot access this channel that we purchased in a bundle package when we agreed to purchase their services.

Ticket: # 1384726 - Frontier Communications vs Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 1/6/2017 9:45:57 PM

City/State/Zip: Bothell, Washington 98021

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Sinclair has asked for a 200% price hike for cable providers for ABC which is KOMO in Seattle, a local broadcast station. The channel has been shut off for FIOS cable customers of Frontier communications. <https://frontier.com/helpcenter/articles/channelupdates>. The Franchise Authority, City of

Bothell has no person assigned to this job and is so far no help.

Ticket: # 1394294 - Frontier Communications - Sinclair Broadcasting Dispute

Date: 1/12/2017 6:29:49 PM

City/State/Zip: Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Hello - I am a customer of Frontier Communications, have been without all programming/channel availability from ABC since 01-Jan-2017. Extremely frustrated with this situation, as this is a highly viewed network and service is supposed to be part of the programming I pay for each month. Please help restore this network via Frontier ... Thank you

Ticket: # 1400490 - Frontier Communications vs Sinclair Broadcasting Group

Date: 1/17/2017 12:55:33 PM

City/State/Zip: Portland, Oregon 97236

Company Complaining About: Frontier Communications

Description

Currently Frontier and Sinclair are disputing over the price Froniter must pay to rebroadcast programming. Currently that leaves me as the consumer paying Frontier for channels now that I do not receive. There are several programs that I do enjoy watching on Sinclair's channels here in the Portland Oregon area. I am not sure what can be done regarding this but as the consumer I am paying the price for their dispute. Frontier is still getting my money for services they aren't providing.

[Ticket: # 490665 - Sinclair broadcasting removing my channels on Dish network](#)

Date: 8/25/2015 11:14:41 PM

City/State/Zip: Kenmore, Washington 98028

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

I recently found out that our local KOMO 4 channel has been blocked by its parent company Sinclair. This happened just a few years ago asking for way too much money. I know that cable companies have been getting special privileges in carrying all local network channels but satellite has to pay exorbitant amount to carry those same stations. I refuse to use cable because they constantly rip off their consumers. I believe in Dish Network and will never go back to cable. When will you update the laws so that cable and satellite are treated on the same levels? Please make it so consumers are protected in this ridiculous situation. Note: I do not work for any related companies.

Ticket: # 490741 - Sinclair Broadcast Group TV station blackout

Date: 8/26/2015 12:43:38 AM

City/State/Zip: Richland, Washington 99352

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.

Description

SBGi has blocked access to several channels in several markets attempting to force DISH to broadcast channels that they do not own. Carriage rates are not the issue. It is a simple case of the largest broadcast group in the country holding its customers hostage to force DISH to add SBGi capacity at the expense of others. Customers are caught in the middle of a dispute that they have no control over. This type of situation repeats itself over and over again with all re-broadcasters as they blocked by broadcasters attempting to increase revenue no matter the inconvenience to customers. The situation is not acceptable.

Ticket: # 491566 - Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 8/26/2015 1:02:26 PM

City/State/Zip: Beaverton, Oregon 97005

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

Dish Network: Sinclair has chosen to blackout its local channels. We have agreed to Sinclair's rates and all terms for carriage of Sinclair's local channels, but Sinclair has chosen to black out customers to gain negotiating leverage for an unrelated cable network that it hopes someday to acquire, but does not own today.

This is the third time this has happened since being a Dish Network customer. How can you allow this to happen?

Ticket: # 492008 - Sinclair Broadcastin and DISH

Date: 8/26/2015 2:52:10 PM

City/State/Zip: Friday Harbor, Washington 98250

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

i realize that I will, most likely, be one of thousands who write about this issue, and I know that I am ignorant of the legal issues involved but....

I find it to be incredibly frustrating that paying customers are constantly being "held hostage" by the legal and financial bickering between service providers. I know that these 'players' are both "for profit" organizations, but customers are always caught in the middle of these negotiations and it is almost impossible to discern, with any certainty, what the facts of the matter are - with each side posturing their own point of views.

That being said there are always two sides to any negotiation...but is not right that the "little people" are disproportionately inconvenienced by these wranglings.

Please put customers first and get help to get this resolved.

[Ticket: # 492732 - Sinclair Broadcasting](#)

Date: 8/26/2015 6:31:28 PM

City/State/Zip: Yoncalla, Oregon 97499

Description

Blackout of 150 channels to Dish-the FCC made a ruling that satellite providers HAD to transmit local channels. This enabled broadcasters such as Sinclair to hold satellite companies hostage to pay for what we, the consumers, can get for free. YOU created the problem now FIX IT!

Ticket: # 493074 - Sinclair Broadcast Group

Date: 8/26/2015 9:48:29 PM

City/State/Zip: Lone Rock, Wisconsin 53556

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

I have Dish Network as a television provider. My local channel Fox 47 out of Madison, WI has been removed from my programming by Sinclair. I am getting very tired of these broadcasting groups holding my provider hostage with many unreasonable demands and think the FCC needs to take a closer look at mega corporations ruling the roost and the little guy taking on all the expense.

[Ticket: # 497724 - Sinclair Broadcasting](#)

Date: 8/28/2015 6:43:56 PM

City/State/Zip: Yoncalla, Oregon 97499

Description

Thanks for getting my station back. Now it is time to level the playing field so this does not happen anymore. You need to let the satellite companies to not only send me my local channels but also send the 4 major networks from East-West coast stations like you did in the past.

That would level the playing field between companies like Sinclair & the satellite providers.

This way if Sinclair wants to block their local channels customers would still get a feed of the 4 networks.

Problem solved, Sinclair & Dish would have to negotiate ethically.

Since if I put up an antenna I can receive local channels for free so actually I think the satellite & cable companies are doing them a big favor to transmit their channels.

[Ticket: # 582324 - Sinclair broadcasting](#)

Date: 10/10/2015 12:38:10 AM

City/State/Zip: Jacksonville, Florida 32205

Company Complaining About: Dish Network

Description

This company has blackouted my NBC channel with dish network. This company should not be able to punish the consumer. Dish network needs to have the freedom to broadcast a similar NBC station while negotiations are in process. Please help dish network in providing this option since my payment to dish network includes fees to the FCC in resolving this issue

Ticket: # 1431260 - No TV signal

Date: 2/2/2017 10:03:28 AM

City/State/Zip: Sanford, Maine 04073

Company Complaining About: Wpfo Maine "sinclair Broadcast Group"

Description

WPFO Fox 23 in Maine says it covers Sanford Maine but does not provide a strong enough signal for reception.

I have a 200 mile antenna with with a signal booster approximately 30' high and have tried on multiple TV set and receive no signal.

Have tried to contact Station on multiple occasions and no response has been returned.

[Ticket: # 1039923 - digital tv signals](#)

Date: 6/16/2016 12:36:31 PM

City/State/Zip: Bitely, Michigan 49309

Company Complaining About: Heritage Broadcasting Wwtv/wwup-tv 9&10 And Sinclair Broadcast Group 7&4

Description

I just finished viewing a program on channel 9/10 in northern Michigan. The picture started breaking up around 11:15. I rotated the antenna about 20 degrees from 10 to 30 and got a very good picture that was lagging the sound by a couple seconds. After about 2 minutes the sound and picture were still in synch and good. What causes this? There are 2 stations 9/10 and 7/4 that will have signal problems at any time during the day

[Ticket: # 1191469 - Movement of broadcast Network programming to cable only access](#)

Date: 9/12/2016 5:12:17 PM

City/State/Zip: Alexandria, Virginia 22310-2053

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group Owner Of Local Station Wjla Channel 7

Description

WJLA channel 7 frequently moves regular broadcast Network programming during prime time to their cable only "News Channel 8" during local sporting events. This prevents us "over the air" viewers from viewing the Network programming. Attached is their programming schedule for 9/12 prime time showing they have scheduled football instead of carrying the ABC net work programming tonight of premier "Dancing with the stars". They have two sub channels to which they could move regular broadcasting to, but instead make it inaccessible to over the air viewers by moving it to their "cable only" channel. This is discriminatory. I use over the not because I can't afford cable, I just have very good signal reception and feel it is a waste of money to pay for something which is provided over the air for free! Please see my attachment of tonight's 9/12 TV schedule for WJLA channel 7.

Ticket: # 1322098 - Channel 7 CW7HD / WWMT

Date: 11/19/2016 6:03:52 PM

City/State/Zip: Parchment, Michigan 49004

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

On Saturday, November 19, WWMT was scheduled to air the Western Michigan University football game at 3:30PM on their channel 7. They failed to air the game. The channel is scrolling a message that the game is on a premium cable channel instead. Please investigate why this programming of great local interest has been moved to a pay channel instead of being aired over the air. This station has betrayed our trust and sold out community interest programming to big business! Please do everything in your power to ensure that they are not permitted to do anything of this nature again. Thank you.

[Ticket: # 856144 - over the air substandard TV broadcast](#)

Date: 3/9/2016 3:58:47 PM

City/State/Zip: Millersburg, Michigan 49759

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

ABC/NBC signals in our area are constantly breaking up and the sound track is delayed always. Issue has been on going for months. Signal went out for four days months ago and came back on with good service for a while and now seems to be getting worse by the day. Many complaints in area.

Ticket: # 318115 - lack of CC's with GRIT TV network movies

Date: 6/2/2015 12:16:16 AM

City/State/Zip: Seattle, Washington 98144

Company Complaining About: Abc; Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

Seattle and western Washington's tv station broadcasting under the name GRIT TV shows all of their movies, 24/7, without cc's. Yet most of the movies shown on both of these stations already have cc's available. This

effectively disenfranchises tens of thousands of hearing impaired and or deaf television viewers in and around greater Seattle and Puget Sound. They and their advertisers are effectively disenfranchise and showing contempt, disdain and derision for the 35 to 40 million Americans who are hearing impaired or deaf. That number was reported in a NY Times Sci-Health section article in the 1990's. As there are now 60 million boomers, of whom 6,000 turn 60 every day, the number of hearing impaired Americans who depend on cc's is increasing every year. IF GRIT tv in Seattle and western Washington state (and other affiliates of GRIT around the US and their parent company) refuse to make their movies shown accessible to the hearing impaired or deaf by continuing to choose to show them without cc's when they could just as easily show them WITH cc's, I urge the FCC to not renew their broadcast license in 2016. If they do start showing their movies with cc's, then the FCC can continue to allow them to broadcast. GRIT Tv in Seattle is owned and broadcast by KOMO TV. Your company name choices, below, is strange as neither ABC (the parent and affiliated network of KOMO) nor Sinclair, the national network that broadcasts GRIT tv in cities around the US, are listed. ABC has, of course, been on the seen since the infancy years of tv, 1940's - 1950's. The TV issues field, below, is also bizarre as it is not showing closed captioning as an issue. Yet another complaint I submitted today about another Seattle broadcast tv station showed CC's as an issue. This submission is also showing a field, Account Number, that the prior submission I made (re Seattle's KIRO tv network) did not show. Very strange!

[Ticket: # 659006 - Broadcast Station's records should be investigated](#)

Date: 11/16/2015 5:51:08 PM

City/State/Zip: Kirksville, Missouri 63501

Company Complaining About: Ktvo Television Sinclair Broadcasting

Description

KTVO Television in Kirksville Missouri should have their logs and records reviewed for compliance. This station is operating above the approved kilowatt setting for that station. They also have not kept an accurate record regarding tower light monitoring and readings. This has been going on for a while and I do not believe it has been corrected as of yet. Please review their records.

[Ticket: # 677640 - News report over women following safe haven law](#)

Date: 11/25/2015 6:56:01 PM

City/State/Zip: Tulsa, Oklahoma 74126

Company Complaining About: Sinclair Broadcast Group

Description

KTUL Channel 8 in Tulsa Oklahoma posted an online report about a women who followed all of the rules under the safe haven law. However to me the news station violated her privace by reporting the color, make, model and also what the women was wearing in the report. They also failed to inform the public that this women did not break any of the laws with the safe haven act. A number of news stations in the area did the same thing with the car however channel 8 was the only one to tell us what the women was wearing. I would like to let you know that Fox23 report on this was perfect! They gave all the facts with the law and reported it as news and not as my father would call it a witch hunt for this brave women.