

Northbridge Community Television
198 Church Ave.
Northbridge, MA 01534

FCC Chairman, Ajit Pai

The following is a abbreviated version of our research and perception of Docket # 05-311

FCC & CHARTER SPECTRUM WANT NOT TO PAY TO USE TAXPAYER FUNDED PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

On August 1, 2019 (was originally scheduled for August 2, 2019) the FCC backed in part by Charter Spectrum, are steamrolling through rules, if successful will do the following:

1. Edit and delete parts of the town's contractual agreement in our current cable license which does not expire until 2023 to allow Spectrum to NOT pay for taxpayer maintained public rights of way. This has the potential to eliminate NCTV funding to the point of closing down. It will affect everything from how much staff is available if any, your school and town meetings and the support and outreach we provide to the non-profits in town. This rips off the consumer and hands huge profits to cable TV providers.

2. This tactic is to allow FREE placement every 300 feet of the new 5G technology in any place Spectrum decides on public land. This is a money grab for a corporation with a revenue in 2018 of 43 Billion, 643 million dollars.

3. If these rules take affect, and is not properly challenged, they will begin 60-90 days after said ruling. Parts of that contractual agreement will be deleted/changed without permission of your city or town,

Understand this. Public rights of way includes the set back in front of your home. You will have no say if Spectrum would like to put a pole to propagate their signal.

Here is a list of businesses/members of NCTA who are supporter of Docket 05-311 along with the FCC and Charter Spectrum, that support these rules and want to make money off of your tax dollars without compensation to our residents through franchise fees.

Charter Communications AKA SPECTRUM

Former Chair of NCTA: Tom Rutledge - Current Chairman/CEO, Charter Communications Inc AKA SPECTRUM

A+E Networks
AMC Networks Inc.
Cim-Tel Cable, Inc.
Comcast NBC Universal (MSNBC)
CommScope, Inc.
Conax As
Consolidated Cable Solutions

Cox Communications, Inc.
C-SPAN
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Discovery, Inc. Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, Science Channel, TLC, HGTV, Travel Channel,
Food Network, Cooking Channel, and DIY Network

Disney Media Networks
Duff & Phelps, LLC
Eagle Communications
EWTN Global Catholic Network
Federated Wireless Inc
Fox Networks Group (Fox News)
GCI Cable Inc.
Hallmark Channel (Crown Media Holdings)
Hood Canal Cablevision
Horowitz Associates, Inc.
ION Media Networks
JNR Adjustment Company, Inc.
Mediacom Communications Corporation
Midco
Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, P.C.
Mountain Zone TV
National Geographic Channel (NGC)
Nelson County Cablevision Inc.
Ovation TV
Rasenberger Media LLC
RBC Daniels
ReelzChannel
REVOLT Media & TV
RIDE TV
Sand Cherry Associates
Service Electric Cablevision
Sherman & Howard L.L.C.
Showtime Networks
Sjoberg's, Inc
SonLife Broadcasting Network
Sony Movie Channel
Stifel Financial Corporation
Telecon
TV One
Univision Communications Inc.
UP
Viacom Media Networks
Viamedia
Vivicast Media, LLC
Vyve Broadband
WarnerMedia (HBO) (CNN)
Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice

Xavient Information Systems
Zodiac Interactive

NCTA Leadership is made up of telecommunication industry CEOs including former Chair and employees of the FCC.

Keep in mind Charter Spectrum is still in breach of contract here in Northbridge and now they want to make money off of your tax dollars.

It is clear by a recent FCC oversight meeting that the FCC Chair is discussing certain items with only his Republican FCC board members, choosing to not discuss with the 2 Democratic FCC board members. Furthermore, If these rules pass, the FCC Chair would not filling his fiduciary responsibilities to the American People. What Ajit Pai is doing is ensuring he has a high paying job in the telecommunications industry when he leaves the FCC either through ousting or his term ending. The American People do not have a say on how the FCC governs as clearly and overwhelmingly apparent with the forcing of the end of net neutrality. These rules will no doubt allow these few mega corporations free use of tax payer public rights of way. These corporations are already able to violate cable licenses with no impunity like Charter Spectrum.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Northbridge Community Television

Attached: Letter to the FCC from Ralph Nader

cc: Representative James McGovern