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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 10-71

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Thank you,

Signed

[NAME]

[FULL ADDRESS]

*Mary Ann Garlow**324 E 13th**Concordia, KS 66901*

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324 E 13th St
Concordia, KS 66901

As a child growing up there were many good shows on TV. My family and I looked forward to some of the weekly serial shows. Now other than just a few channels, I have extended basic (98 channels) there seems to be about 4 or 5 channels I watch. There is a lot of plain junk, we spend most of our time changing channels. The price for TV cable has gone up sharply. The quality of TV has not.

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[NAME]
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Tammy Alexander
520 Western Ave. Apt. 104
Beloit, KS. 67420

I am mentally handicapped. My cable TV bill increased \$12.44 this month. Please lower my bill. I want to watch TV but cannot afford this bill.

Cunningham Telephone & Cable
110 W. Main St.
Beloit, KS. 67420

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Barbara J Koster
221 Poplar
Valley Center, Ks 67147

*This letter is in reference to our home at
514 N. Washington Beloit, Kansas 67420.*

These rate increases are an atrocity !!

Put an end to the monopoly-type

*pressure placed on small town cable
companies. Big business should never
take advantage of their positions.*

*What is the average person to do? This
country is made up of average people.
Why are we a country of cynics? Maybe
this is why !!*

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Thank you,

Kathryn J Roberts
421 E. 5th St.
Beloit, KS 67420

PS. If something isn't done soon, I'll be forced to drop cable altogether. My bill is now jumping another \$11⁰⁰ per month. This is ridiculous. Persons on fixed incomes can't afford these prices!

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Kathleen Rei

[NAME]

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*421 W. 14th St.
Concordia Ks. 66901*

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P.S. I am disabled and watching tv is my only source of entertainment.

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Marge Ekstrom

[NAME]
[FULL ADDRESS]

*Marjorie (Marge) Ekstrom
2621 "S" St.
Belleville, Mo 66935-2833*

3/2/2015

*We seniors are on a fixed income most of time no raise on what we receive.
Each year it raise so much I think we as seniors may stop subscribing our TV (Cable) because of the money-hungry broadcasters/providers want more for themselves.*

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Belleville, Kansas is a small community of approximately 2,000 people in Republic County, which is in the northern tier of Kansas, and the only way we can receive any local news is through the cable system. Our county has a population of 5,000. To have an increase of \$13.98 in one month is really pretty drastic. I realize increases are necessary, but that big of an increase in one month?

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Thank you,

Peggy Frint
March 2, 2015

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1414 K St

Belleville, Ks. 66935