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Requiring customers to rent cable boxes in addition to the already high charges they demand for services should be considered no less than extortion. By the time you add into account all the fees you must pay (Regulatory Recovery Fees, Broadcast TV Fee, Regional Sports Fee, HD Technology Fee), the \$9.95 per month per box that you pay puts you over \$25 per month just in "Fees". At a bare minimum customers should be allowed to purchase compatible 3rd party cable box equipment that they can own outright. Sadly, even if this change is mandated, I am sure that cable companies will figure out how to simply redirect these fees to another service entity.