

Replies on FCC 16-142

I would like make my replies on FCC 16-142. I like to reply to the comments sent by John Notor of San Jose, CA which was posted on May 11, 2016. I disagree with Mr. Notor's comments about ATSC 3.0 and over-the-air TV. Had Mr. Notor heard and aware of the Cord Cutters trend? I bet not. Why I disagree with his comments? Thanks to this so-called law from 1992 called THE CABLE ACT which had a controversial provision called RETRANSMISSION CONSENT where by law, Cable/Satellite TV providers can't broadcast TV station signals (like ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX) without the permission of the broadcasters who owns those affiliated stations and they have to pay the broadcasters fees despite getting those stations free over-the-air with an indoor or outdoor antenna, doesn't make any sense at all John.

Mr. Nortor, I do live in a moderate to bad TV reception area in Greenwood, SC (part of the Greenville, SC/Asheville, NC DMA) and also get three adjacent DMAs over-the-air (Augusta, Columbia, and Charlotte) and unfortunately the TV towers where I get the major networks over-the-air are too far from my house I currently lived in about 50-110 miles and it's impossible to get the major networks with an indoor antenna at my location, all I can get is the non-commercial PBS station close by, that's it. I have to get an outdoor antenna to get those major networks over-the-air and unfortunately my current antenna setup outside is about 10 feet and no Line-Of-Sight path. Of course, we live 3 miles outside city limits. Speaking of Cable and Satellite TV, they're has been an epidemic of Broadcaster Blackouts in recent years, last year according to The American Television Alliance there was about a record 193 Broadcaster Blackouts on Pay-TV. As you may heard, if broadcasters and Pay-TV providers failed to reach an agreement on time or in other words 'impasse' the broadcasters forced Pay-TV providers to pull the signal off and hold the viewers hostage until the ransom is paid, it's not right. Some Pay-TV subscribers live in areas where over-the-air TV reception is bad or worse (like mountains and hilly areas) and have forced to subscribe to Cable or Satellite to get their local news, weather, sports, information, and their favorite ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX and other network TV shows in Prime-Time and etc.

ATSC 3.0 is not Obsolete, not all over-the-air TV signals are created equal. This new ATSC 3.0 or NextGenerationTV will have robust reception in fixed things like indoor antennas and mobile devices when you travel to places in this country. I would love to see the signal range expand from 100 miles to 250 miles so that way I could pick up TV stations from Charleston, SC here in Greenwood, SC since Charleston is a three hour drive from here and TV towers in Charleston, SC DMA are about 162 miles from here where they transmit in Awendaw, SC. Along with better reception of Columbia, SC over-the-air TV signals and my home market over-the-air signals. I think service contours should been eliminated. Mr. Nortor needs to get into the 21st century instead of living in the past like the 1950s-1990s or 20th century. Technology is changing and there's great innovation around this country. Yes, I was upset about Aereo's controversial Supreme Court loss two years ago which they forced to shut down Aereo.

Nowdays Cable and Satellite TV and it's bundles aren't cheap Mr. Nortor. Our DIRECTV bill is currently \$145 a month, and it's not cheap. My stepfather doesn't even like the current price of the bill.

Mr. Notor, Over-The-Air TV will never go away any time soon, and that's why I disagree with your comments that you posted on May 11, 2016. I disagree when you say to reject the petition for Rul emaki ng.

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In conclusion, I love innovation and broadcast TV just like you, but times have changed and we need to go forward, not reversed. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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