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Randell Jesup (rjesup@wgate.com) writes:

Re: COFDM petition

I feel that this petition by Sinclair is a raw attempt to kill HDTV before it gains a foothold, so Sinclair can use the bandwidth they've been given for other purposes (such as datacasting, paging, etc); purposes which have nothing to do with what they were granted the bandwidth for.

Their tests, while real, were carefully selected to support their already-existing position. They don't care about far-field viewers, only about inner urban areas. They glossed over adjacent-channel interference issues, impulse noise, etc.

Their purpose (even if they fail their appeal) is to promote FUD (Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt) and so delay or hopefully derail the conversion to HDTV.

Any reopening of the question now would be disasterous, both for the companies in the business (not Sinclair), consumers (stuck with expensive and useless decoders), and most importantly to the image of HDTV, which will likely kill any hope of adoption of HDTV in favor of SDTV, while broadcasters and others fight over the bandwidth.

Please spike the Sinclair request and tell them to get off their butts and comply with the requirements to roll out DTV.

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