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From: Mary [emzoco@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 12:39 AM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Ala Carte Cable TV

Yeah!

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From: Mcab19@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 11:59 AM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: THANK YOU

Your efforts to establish "a la carte" cable service are greatly appreciated by those of us who live on fixed incomes. Through COMCAST I am paying for 26 unwanted channels (45 others are suitable). We're no longer able to get out to church services and must depend on TV. We would be so happy if we could have our religious programs 24-hrs.a day , but it's not possible because four outlets have to share one channel = Ch 56. For example: EWTN programs get cut off at 9:00 p.m. regardless of the ceremony in progress. If we're to have BCTV, then EWTN is eliminated. How did it come about that we must pay for cable service in **ADVANCE?** Helen McDonald, 30 Curtis Rd. Milton MA.

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From: Rod and Sue Diehl [rsdiehl@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 11:08 AM
To: KJMWEB; Jonathan Adelstein; Michael Copps; Deborah Tate
Cc: newsdesk@kdka.com; consumer@wpxi.com
Subject: choosing my cable tv channels

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Paste begins:

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From: Leonard Schlenz [l.a.schlenz@att.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 3:27 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: A la carte cable programming

I hope I read the recent news correctly: that you support a la carte programming for cable providers. I shouldn't have to subsidize **garbage** programming! congratulations!

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From: Richard Meyer [rmeyer123@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 5:03 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: "A La Carte" Programing

Dear Chairman Martin.

As a consumer, I have been very frustrated that I am forced to subscribe to many cable channels that I don't want to receive in order to get the few that I do want to receive. I ask and encourage you to insist that the cable providers begin offering A La Carte programming. Even if it were to cost me more for service, I would like an A La Carte option. It doesn't seem like too much to ask in view of the virtual monopoly that the cable companies have at this time.

Thank you so much for your time.

Richard Meyer

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From: Dick Hittle [dhittle339@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 10:22 AM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Al a carte Option for Cable T.V.

Dear Chairman Martin, I was pleased to see that you and several of your F.C.C. Commissioners were in the Dallas investigating the possibilities of al a carte options for cable and satellite TV programming. I applaud your efforts on the part of the people who are selective in what they are willing to let into their homes in the way of entertainment via television. While I have no problem with the selection of material that others may watch in their homes, I do not want to be forced to pay for programming I consider "trash" that is not suitable to be seen in my home.

If necessary, I am willing to pay more for the selected programming. I personally feel that if people are forced to pay only for what they want to see, the funding for some of the marginal (another name for "trashy") programs will dry up and the producers and sponsors of such programs will go away. I think you would agree that there is a lot of room for improvement in the quality of the offerings we are seeing on today's television programming.

Thanks for continuing to do the right thing.

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From: Daniel Pierelli [dpierelli@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 4:18 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: A La Carte Service

Dear Sir:

I live in Southbury, Connecticut and have Charter Communications for my cable company. We have no real competition up here and these cable companies in the area are raping us. They go up on their prices continually. One time, they went up over 10% in one jump.

Please help us. The a la carte system would save me and many others like me allot of money. I have at least 10-15 channels that are (in my opinion) trash and I do not want.

Regards,

Dan Pierelli

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Sandralyn Bailey

From: Flydutchmotel@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 1:09 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: comments on cable tv

hello

i am writing to you about cable television and the high and fast rising costs of it. i understand that there could be legislation this year on getting rid of local franchising laws and making the federal govt the sole issuer of these rights. in theory this would open up competition (verizon or other companies) and allow for multiple providers to enter the marketplace and thus lower bills. i do not know if this is the only way but after years of high cable increases and no alternatives i am open to anything. whatever the legislation it MUST include net neutrality which means an internet service provider must treat all data equally, not speed its own and slow or block others. this is crucial to the free flow of information and commerce.

also program access rules must be revamped to end the loophole that allows comcast to keep its philadelphia sportsnet channel from its satellite competitors. this is another example of the cable companies holding its customers hostage to their high monopolistic rates. it is ten years since deregulation and it is obvious the cable companies do not know how to act without regulation. please make this a landmark year for the cable industry must like it was for telephone companies in the early 80's when ma bell was broken up. competition and choice make the market better and ultimately make technology grow at a faster rate. please do not give in to the cable or phone industry's lobbyists and remember the little guys when you are considering this legislation in the future.

thank you for your time in reading this letter and i look forward to your action in the future.

bill diantonio
mantua,nj
609-868-7025

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Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 8:20 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

bob wolin (flybob05@houston.rr.com) writes:

I urge the commission to approve a la carte cable tv. In order to see the channels we want we are currently forced to buy numerous unwanted and UNWATCHED channels.

Thank you

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From: Terry Hall [hallt@alpenacc.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 6:07 PM
To: Deborah Tate
Subject: a la carte cable: YES!

Dear Ms. Tate. I just read another article about the possibility of requiring the cable t.v. companies to offer a la carte pricing to allow customers to pay for only those channels that they want to support. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do whatever you can to make this happen. I am sick and tired of having to support several hundred stations that I don't want in order to receive the two or three that I do want. In essence, I am forced to support points of view I don't agree with and content that I find degrading and offensive in order to be able to get CNN, WGN, and PNS (for Cubs baseball, of course). I would not care if it even cost me more to get only the stations that I want to pay for. It's the principle that I am concerned about. Thanks for listening. TERRY HALL

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From: Christopher Smith [christopher.smith@constellation.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 8:42 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Christopher Smith (christopher.smith@constellation.com) writes:

I read today that the FCC has issued an opinion in favor of a-la-carte cable TV channel selection.

I strongly support the move to this kind of selection. It will provide welcome choice to consumers. It will improve the ability of parents to control children viewing habits. It will improve the quality of channels by allowing consumers to vote with their feet when channels don't deliver. Finally, it will provide more accessibility to consumers who want the benefits of cable without the high-fee for 200 channels (particularly when only about 10-channels has any meaningful content anyway).

I applaud the FCC's action on this matter, and I am thankful to you for taking action.

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From: Darryl Usher [dgu@acsip.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 5:31 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: a-la-carte

I think the buying of several packages to get what I want is wrong because the same shows are listed in each package and you are paying for it in each package.

Darryl Usher 9810 NW Gordon RD Cornelius OR 97113 dgu@acsip.com

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From: David Lindsay [dlindsay@coldwellbanker.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 8:27 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

David Lindsay (dlindsay@coldwellbanker.com) writes:

Cable ala carte would benefit the consumer greatly. Instead of having to buy the whole package we could buy what interests us. Some people pay 50 dollars a month for TV. There has got to be better things to spend our money on dont you think? Thanks for listening.

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From: Dennis Calkins [calkins6833@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 5:17 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Dennis Calkins (calkins6833@sbcglobal.net) writes:

Dear Chairman Martin
I would like to be able to subscribe to cable tv by a la cart.
I do not like to options comcast currently sells.
I believe consumers would benefit from the a la cart system. Thank you Sencirely Dennis
Calkins

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From: Earl Tieman [earlvpm@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 10:10 AM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Earl Tieman (earlvpm@yahoo.com) writes:

Chairman:

As an average parent of two teenagers, I want to voice my enthusiasm for the concept of ala carte cable for two main reasons; parental oversight and cost.

Oversight: Our family constantly struggles with channels that are inappropriate for our kids, and current options like blocking channels or controlyourtv.org are inadequate or easily circumvented by tech-savy teens. Parents should have the power to stop certain content...before it enters the home through the cable.

Cost: My wife and I estimate that 78% of the channels we get through cable we do not ever watch. Where else in society today do you buy something and throw 78% of it in the trash? Likewise, my parents, on a fixed income, have no need for most of their channels, yet are forced to pay for "disposable" channels. I urge you and your colleagues to support ala carte cable, and set the public free from the stranglehold that cable has on us today!! If you have any specific questions about how controlyourtv.org and other measures are not working, feel free to email me. Thanks.

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From: Gerald Carlburg [ggcswedejean@juno.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 3:56 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Gerald Carlburg (ggcswedejean@juno.com) writes:

Dear Chairman Martin: I applaude the efforts of your FCC staff in working on the A La Carte system for choosing video programming on cable. Hopefully, by default, this would include the satellite systems, i.e. "Dish" and "DirectTV" systems, and any others that I may not be aware. I have not signed up on either cable or satellite systems, simply because I object strongly to the 'bundling content' that I would have to pay for but object to - and cannot do anything about, except "don't sign up"!

Again I applaude your staff for this effort! TURN UP THE HEAT! Thank you for taking this sector as a major project.

Sincerely,
Gerald Carlburg
14855 Smith Circle
Claremore, Ok 74017

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From: Marty Sliwicki [iplayhockey@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 1:35 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Marty Sliwicki (iplayhockey@yahoo.com) writes:

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My other comment is on a la carte pricing. I think this is a matter that should be left up to the market itself. Competition will decide if this is a good idea or not. Regulation should allow, but not mandate it. There will be a company who tries a la carte, their livelihood will depend on the success of the effort. It should be their option to decide to offer that service. The incumbent companies will find a way to offer it if the service is successful.

Thanks for your time
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From: Maureen Del-Zio [mdelzio@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 1:32 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Maureen Del-Zio (mdelzio@yahoo.com) writes:

I for one support "a la carte" programming for cable subscribers. My family has not had cable or broadcast television for 5 years due to the fact that we do not want to pay for the trash that comes with packaged channels. I believe in a free marketplace those trash channels would not even exist. I would subscribe to certain channels though, meaning the cable companies would actually gain customers rather than lose customers. Please promote this issue!

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From: Wayne Almond [WAlmond217@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 10:57 AM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: a-la-carte cable offerings

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
FCC

Dear Mr. Martin,

Years ago, my youngest son suggested a system of selecting only those cable channels that we wanted to watch and not being forced to pay for channels that our family has no desire to view. Finally I see that this concept is catching on and I couldn't be happier.

Recently, the cable operators (we have Comcast) have tried to blunt the attack on their method of channel selection and their ever-increasing price structure by telling us that if we went a-la-carte that some channels just wouldn't survive. Why are the consumers already involved in a monopolistic system being forced to make these poor cable channels survive??? That certainly doesn't sound like the American system of free enterprise, where those companies that are not needed or wanted are allowed to fail. It's not my job to keep the golf channel or the cartoon network afloat if the public doesn't wish to select and pay for them. These aren't key industries for employment or defense or something which only occasionally need to be kept afloat, they are entertainment cable TV channels. Let the unwatched ones fail.

The a-la-carte system needs to lower costs to the consumer and needs to be implemented ASAP.

Thank you for your attention.

Wayne N. Almond
408 Clymer Ave.
Morrisville, PA 19067-2270

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From: Charlotte C. Holman [charlotteandsean@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 4:51 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Charlotte C. Holman (charlotteandsean@earthlink.net) writes:

Thank you for what you are doing to get cable companies to provide a la carte viewing. My family would benefit significantly!

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