

I am concerned about the use of switched digital video (“SDV”) by some cable companies and its impact on unidirectional cable ready products (“UDCPs”). The cable card spec was intended to open up digital television to consumers without requiring the rental of a cable set top box. In Time Warner’s comments filed on May 11th, TW claims that UDCP users will still have access to all content. However this content would be analog only and puts UDCP products at a disadvantage. The cable manufactures must standardize SDV access for UDCP products before being allowed to rollout these features on their network.