

Dear Sirs

Re FCC # 07-189 Banning of Exclusivity Clause for provision of video cable to Multiple Dwelling Units (MDU's).

I note your proposed rulemaking that would also ban bulk billing by cable companies to HOAs.

I belong to an HOA in Fort Myers, FL consisting of 1100 homes. The HOA was recently turned over to the homeowners by the developer and we inherited an onerous bulk-billing contract from Comcast that expires in 2019. The rates in this agreement are much higher than individual residents could negotiate on their own. Many of the residents want to opt out of this contract and make their own arrangements. Some want to cancel for 6 months since they are seasonal only. Some want to use alternative cable or satellite providers. But the HOA is locked into the Comcast bulk billing agreement and will not permit residents to opt out. To make matters worse, several homeowners are delinquent or foreclosed. This means that the HOA is not receiving assessments from these homes but is still obliged to pay Comcast for the service which remains uninterrupted to the delinquent homeowners. Residents in good standing are therefore subsidizing cable service for residents who are delinquent. That is not right.

I applaud your banning of the exclusivity clause but what good is it in our situation if we can have alternative suppliers but cannot get out from under a long term bulk billing contract from Comcast?

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