

I am very concerned about AT&T's manner of delivering local PEG channels on their Uverse TV services. I think AT&T should be required to deliver these important local channels with local content (quickly becoming an endangered species!) in the same manner they deliver all of its other "commercial" channels. That is, PEG channels, like they appear on all other cable TV systems, should appear on discrete TV channels, with the same technical quality and attributes as all other channels, and should not be relegated to some difficult-to-navigate alternative delivery system. Viewers of PEG channels under AT&T's system cannot navigate to these channels quickly and easily, cannot view closed captioning, cannot view the content at the same quality due to lower picture resolution, and cannot record these programs. All of these limitations make PEG channels drastically different and inferior to the rest of the channel line up. These important local channels and services must be protected!

I am also concerned with all cable companies who are now (or are considering) "channel slamming" PEG channels – relocating them from the lower-number analog channels numbers where they have resided for decades and are easily found through channel surfing, and relocating them up into the high 3-digit stratosphere of channel line-ups, where finding them through channel surfing is practically impossible. These PEG channel moves are also requiring subscribers to buy/rent/use digital converter boxes, something they've not had to use before – yet another financial or logistical hurdle to watching PEG channels. PEG channels should remain in all cable providers' bottom "basic" tier of services, and be available to all their subscribers, regardless of what package of services they may choose to order from the cable company. PEG channels are "lifeline" services and should not be bundled with any cable service that requires anything but the most basic and inexpensive tier of cable service, and should not require a converter box.