

As to item 14, the matter of switched digital video with 3rd party devices. My experience with Time Warner and the Cisco 1520 on both a Tivo HD and Media Center has been problematic. The Cisco units are unreliable, often disconnect, prevent reception of all channels with at fault and not just the switched digital channels.

Support is non-existent. Time Warner support knows little about the units, cannot explain error codes or terms when the units malfunction. I'm left to my own devices to attempt restarting the units until I can get them to authorize and load their virtual channel table and allows both the Tivo and ATI DCT devices to receive channels again.

Time Warner, unlike most of the other cable companies, still sets the CCI flags on everything except over the air re-transmission to copy once which limits the use that the recordings have to be viewed on other devices within the home. It's unfortunate that Time Warner takes this position since they seem to be alone in the cable industry to do this.

The Tivo proposed solution to SDV would be welcome to most users and eliminate another split in the cable and another piece of cable company supplied equipment.