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My comment on this rule seems to underestimate the number of cable users with multiple TV sets that would be effected and what is actually going on. In my house, I have 4 TVs. 1 is on cable with HD DVR, and three are plugged straight into the jack. Comcast recently cut what you receive without a cable-box drastically to pretty much just stations you can receive over-the-air for free and switched to all digital. I can still plug into the wall and get the "basic" service, but the channels look much better over-the-air as they are 1080 over-the-air. Comcast did supply two cable boxes that could get me the traditional basic analog channels (about 60 channels), even though my digital cable plan included many more channels and I could get digital cable boxes for my TVs for \$5 each per month so I could get all the channels in my plan. With no other options, and being too cheap to pay an extra \$5 per TV for a service I pay over \$100/month for I disappointedly accepted the two basic cable boxes and watch TV on an antenna on the 4th. I don't see why they couldn't give two digital boxes and let me have full access on the other TVs instead of trying to leach another \$5 per month by supplying limited basic service analog cable-boxes as the additional boxes.

My other comment is on how'd it would save gas to be able to remotely disconnect the service, this is true but there is still gas involved in delivering and returning the equipment when service is discontinued. Plus the standby-power draw of additional boxes I'm sure eats up quite a bit of energy when scaled up.

My conclusion, as a consumer I think they should still have to provide clear-QAM channels, or for users with multiple TV's instead of giving them 2 additional "basic boxes" regardless of the subscription tier as Comcast is doing in the Detroit area, give them the option to get digital boxes with full access. If we are going to be forced to have another cable-top box, then it should be give us the service that our subscription is paying for.