

Local cable service provider, Cable One has given notice that effective January, 2012 they will no longer retransmit the following Oklahoma City network affiliates on their local cable service for the Ada, Oklahoma area:

KFOR NBC

KOCO ABC

KWTV CBS

While KTEN NBC and KXII CBS of Texas both have local licenses in the Ada area, they do not actually provide service beyond network programming. They certainly do not provide public safety messages except in extreme severe weather cases, and even then will often drop coverage once the storms are out of the counties immediately bordering Texas.

I do not believe the current retransmission rules adequately protect the citizens of the Ada area by allowing the local cable service to be forced to pull the Oklahoma City stations.

As indicated by Cable One General Manager Ted Ramsey in his address to the Ada City Council on December 4, 2011, the Oklahoma City stations have not charged a retransmission fee until now. Ramsey stated, "...we feel it is irresponsible to pay extra to carry two NBC, ABC and CBS feeds that carry the exact same programming in prime time."

This does not address the fact that we do not have another choice for ABC programming, nor does it indicate any good faith effort to negotiate a reasonable fee.

Thank you.