

I have just finished retrans neg. with broadcasters. This system must change. It is not fair to the consumers to be held hostage by such rate demands as doubling the fees we a cable company pay broadcasters. The "fair market" cost is a joke. They set the fair market price and we do not have a choice. Eliminating the Commission's network non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity rules will help, but when a company owns more than one station in a market, they raise the price for both and won't let you have one with out the other. ie; a FOX & MNT or a CBS & a CW Station. The DMA'S should be eliminated and open market set to what ever stations best suit your audience. We are closer to Denver, Co than Wichita, Ks. but must carry the Wichita stations, not fair. I can go on, please contact me for further conversations.