

I oppose basic cable tier encryption because consumers should not need to rent or own a set top box to watch TV. What is the problem that cable companies want the FCC to solve? Is the problem that some TV tuners can get basic cable channels without a set top box? Digital cable has always required a set top box but basic cable has not and should not require a set top box. As it is there is enough set top box fatigue in the country? The problem with cable is when you get digital cable you have to have 1 set top box per TV. So in a four TV household you would need to rent 4 set top boxes from the cable company one for each room with a TV. If its 5 TVs you need 5 set top boxes etc. Satellite is a little better as their set top boxes are dual tuner. Ever use Dish Network or DIRECTV: you get 1 dual tuner set top box that can work with 2 TVs. My TV has no set top box currently attached to it unless you consider my 1<sup>st</sup> generation Apple TV (160GB) or my Nintendo Wii game console a set top box. Neither of which can be used to convert analog signals to digital and to transmit or distribute TV channels. What about people who use free over the air antennas to pick up some TV channels and a DTV converter?

We have 1 digital cable box in our home for our downstairs TV connected thru HDMI and have a Baylun switcher so the box can be kept in a wiring closet and we can access the interface of the box on the TV in family room. We have to still point remote at box to operate but wiring closet is nearby family room. Box is not directly connected to TV but thru Baylun it transmits signal for cable box on TV via Component 1 (TV input) nonetheless the box is using an HDMI cable. A switcher to switch the Component 1 source to a DVD Player or other device from the digital cable box is also installed. The digital cable box is manufactured by Motorola and supplied by Time Warner Cable. We do pay for Time Warner Cable but only get basic cable in all other rooms of our home no box needed.

Will we still be able to get basic cable this way with this rule change or do they all require boxes too? What about people who use free over the air antennas to pick up some TV channels and a DTV converter? No pay TV service at all. Can they still watch TV? Consider these issues before issuing order.