

Gentlemen,

Most people currently using cable TV already have tiered pricing. The most basic cable services now consist of programs that are not representative of what most display devices can provide, that is HD TV. Almost all TV stations broadcast in HD and for Over the Air (OTA), it is free. The cable companies provide that service in 525 line, not HD. Basic Cable service is not cheap, and it is NOT in HD, that always is offered at some tier above basic. Even the adapters that we initially provided at no cost to watch digital TV on a standard TV or HD TV for that matter are no longer free, so digital TV now has an additional cost (about \$2/mo/adapter) that was unexpected for all cable subscribers. The available medium tier programs offered are what used to be basic cable, and now include a good percentage of foreign language over English - just what does that mean to english speaking people; they don't watch those channels, and the foreign speakers don't watch the english one, so neither group is happy about the extra cost for material they are not interested in. The premium channels are already sold one at a time or bunched together for a short subscription period, then unbundled and priced a la carte, which in the French vernacular means ordered separately, but in fact means more costly. If anything, the a la carte should be cheaper, since less is ordered and less bandwidth is used. It appears to me and I guess, many other citizens, that the FCC is now beholden to the cable companies and will agree to allow more tiered pricing, perhaps by the individual channel, so the cable companies can make even more profit. Of course they will deny that, but that is the way that I see it; more expense for less service. Thank you for letting me make my opinion known. Now let us see where the history plays out.