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In my area there are only 2 options for Internet- our local phone/cable/Internet provider or Hughes satellite. Our local provider charges the same for their lowest tier (3/1.5) as Hughes- of course, that's only because they raised the speed (to match what Hughes was offering) the week we all received cards in the mail saying Hughes was now available in our area. Currently we pay \$64.95/month which includes the active phone line that we don't want or need but are still required to have and can't get elsewhere because they \*also\* have that monopoly in our area- the last thing our local company needs is an excuse to charge more because, bluntly, they will.