

Comcast is now charging or will be charging its subscribers in Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington a HD Technology Fee, which Comcast asserts is linked to network upgrades for HD services. This Fee replaces the monthly HD converter fee paid by many subscribers.

We believe this new fee is an attempt to avoid the rate rules on equipment charges and will have the effect of eliminating future competition in the set-top box market. We believe this is an important consumer protection issue.

We will be filing comments with the FCC opposing Comcast's HD Technology Fee as implemented, but need to act quickly: the comment period for the Comcast/NBCU merger ends soon.

Affected communities are invited to join with other cities, including MINNEAPOLIS, SEATTLE, and TACOMA in this filing to the FCC to protect consumer rights.

Participation includes both the FCC filing and letters to send to cities' congressional delegation in opposition to Comcast's HD Technology Fee.

Contact one of the cable consultants listed on the right to join this consumer protection effort.

Communities with fewer than 5,000 cable subscribers can participate for \$100; from those with more than 5,000 cable subscribers, we ask \$250.

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