



January 25, 2018

Mr. Mark Moran  
City of Galena  
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Galena, Illinois 61036

Dear Mr. Moran:

Earlier this month, Mediacom adjusted the Local Broadcast Station Surcharge (LBSS) on customer bills based on our best estimate of how much local broadcast stations like ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC would increase their rates for 2018. Despite our efforts to keep costs down, the local broadcasters we carry increased their year over year rates by an average of 35%. The collective increases these station owners demand to be paid are considerably higher than what we anticipated. As a result, effective on or about March 1, 2018, Mediacom will be making the following adjustments to the LBSS:

Product:	Old Rate:	New Rate:	Net Change:
Local Broadcast Station Surcharge	\$11.26	\$11.84	\$0.58

The fees we pay to retransmit local broadcast stations like ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC are by far our fastest growing programming cost component. The owners of these channels are able to take advantage of outdated federal laws to force excessive rate increases on consumers year after year. For more information about the extent of this growing national problem, please visit [www.mediacomonyourside.com](http://www.mediacomonyourside.com) or [www.americantelevisionalliance.org](http://www.americantelevisionalliance.org).

Mediacom appreciates the opportunity to continue to serve your community's telecommunications needs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (309) 743-4152 or by email at [khotle@mediacomcc.com](mailto:khotle@mediacomcc.com).

Sincerely,

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