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TV 4US Faults DPUC Decision

HARTFORD, CT (October 15, 2007) –

Today, the Department of Public Utility Control ruled against AT&T's application to provide a competitive video service in Connecticut. TV4US Connecticut, a chapter of a national advocacy coalition that advocates on behalf of customers to provide new choices, better service and lower costs in their television service, stated that the decision is bad for Connecticut consumers.

Patrick McCabe, a spokesperson for TV 4US Connecticut issued the following statement:

“Connecticut deserves better. The consumers of Connecticut were just told by the Department of Public Utility Control that they can do nothing to change the out of control price increases of big cable. The DPUC missed the mark in this decision.

Connecticut consumers are already paying some of the highest electric rates in the country. And now when consumers finally have a chance to save some money by reducing their cable bill, the DPUC takes away their choice and ensures that the only thing they'll have to look forward to is paying even more for cable TV. Connecticut consumers are hurting enough already. This decision just makes it worse. This decision snatches choice and lower rates out of the hands of Connecticut consumers.

Instead of fighting for consumer's right to have an alternative choice to the cable monopoly, this decision shut the door on savings, slammed the door on competition and locked consumers out of having control over their television .”

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