

September 1, 2023

RE: Charter Communications Notification

Dear Municipal Official:

I am writing to inform you that effective **August 31, 2023, at 8 PM ET**, The Walt Disney Company removed its programming from Spectrum Northeast, LLC (“Charter”). Charter had been in discussions to renew its carriage agreement when The Walt Disney Company took this action. As a result of The Walt Disney Company’ unreasonable demands to increase prices and limit customer choice, negotiations failed to reach a deal and they chose to pull the programming from Charter customers, rather than extend the contract until negotiations conclude. The Walt Disney Company’s decision to remove its programming is outside of Charter’s control; we wanted to provide you notice of these changes as quickly as possible. A full list of impacted channels is as follows:

**NETWORKS OWNED BY THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY:**

- ACC Network\*
- BabyTV SAP
- Disney Channel
- Disney Junior
- Disney XD
- ESPN
- ESPN2
- ESPN Deportes
- ESPN News
- ESPNU
- Freeform
- FX
- FX Movie Channel
- FXX
- Longhorn Network\*
- National Geographic
- Nat Geo Mundo
- Nat Geo Wild
- SEC Network\*



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*\*Carriage depends on customers' region*

The rising cost of programming is the single greatest factor in higher cable television prices, and we are fighting hard to hold the line on programming rates imposed on us by companies like The Walt Disney Company. We hope to resolve this dispute quickly and, though inconvenient, impacted Charter customers have other alternatives for viewing impacted content and can learn more at [www.video-choice.com](http://www.video-choice.com).

If you have any questions about this change, please feel free to contact me at 207-620-3319 or via email at [Shelley.Winchenbach@charter.com](mailto:Shelley.Winchenbach@charter.com).

Sincerely,

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