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FW: Serve ticket#: 2425807 Last Name: Hardeen

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Due Date: 06/07/2018 Serve Date: 05/08/2018

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Link to Ticket: https://fcctest.zendesk.com/agent/tickets/2425807

Subject: Blue Ridge Cable Communications in PA - Monopoly & Overpriced Services

Tags: availability\_tv cable\_tv carrier\_response\_pending current\_customer no\_filing\_on\_behalf other pennsylvania

yes\_contacted\_company

Email:

Method: - Cable Issue:- Availability

Number subject to complaint:

Company Name:

Other Company Name: Blue Ridge Cable Communications

Account #:

First: Last: Hardeen

Address:

Address 2:

City: State: pennsylvania

Zip:

Phone where to be contacted:

Filing on Behalf of Someone: No

Relationship: First Name: Last Name:

Serve Status: carrier\_response\_pending

Ticket Information:

orlando ardon (FCC Complaints)

Private note

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Besides their internet services pricing being outrageous, their basic cable services state 25 channels in lineup but contain numerous duplicate channels. In reality, its more like 18 channels and this is unacceptable. Why should consumers be forced into using this provider and laws preventing larger cable companies to compete in the same market to offer better rates/services?

Lookup: www.brctv.com

Why can't the government/state allow more providers into PA to keep Blue Ridge in check?!

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Ticket # 2425807 Status Open Requester A Hardeen

CCs -

**Group** Blue Ridge Communications

Assignee Jeff Crandall

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May 8, 2018

Orlando Ardon Consumer Complaints Serve Ticket#2425807 Last Name: Hardeen

Dear Orlando Ardon,

Mr. Hardeen states in his complaint that he feels the internet service pricing from Blue Ridge is outrageous. He also feels that having duplicate channels on the channel lineup he has a subscription for is unacceptable. He would like to know how the state or government can allow more providers into Pennsylvania.

Blue Ridge offers different levels of pricing for cable, high speed internet, and digital telephone service. When customers bundle their cable service with high speed internet and/or digital telephone service, customers receive additional discounts on these services. Bundled discounts are available to all of our customers. Our service is reliable, our internet is faster, we have free access to WiFi Hot Spots, we are a local company, and we offer free service calls. We feel our pricing is competitive when you factor in all the benefits the customer receives.

Blue Ridge Communications does not have a monopoly in Monroe County. Mr. Hardeen can choose between television providers such as DirecTV or Dish Network. According to <a href="https://www.broadbandnow.com">www.broadbandnow.com</a>, Mr. Hardeen can choose among internet providers such as Verizon or Hughes Net. Blue Ridge does not prevent other cable companies from serving the East Stroudsburg area. Any cable company can apply for a franchise and provide service.

To explain the duplicate channels on Mr. Hardeen's lineup, we are able to provide regional and local programming for his area. The regional programming he receives is from the New York market area and the local programming is from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton market area. Although some regional programming may be duplicated, Mr. Hardeen receives unique local news and unique regional sports programming from each market area. If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jeff Langdon Blue Ridge Communications

Cc. Angelo Hardeen