

DISH offers extension to Apollo past Super Bowl

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DISH today issued the following statement to DISH customers:

“Apollo Global Management, the new owner of the former Northwest Broadcasting stations, has recently been warning its viewers that they may lose their local channels on DISH.

Apollo, which is in contract renewal talks with DISH, has been demanding nearly double its current rate to carry its stations. DISH is doing everything in its power to strike a fair deal on behalf of customers.

While we negotiate, we have offered to extend the contract, with payment, until after the Super Bowl on Feb. 2 to ensure the best possible customer experience for the remainder of NFL season.

We urge Apollo to join us in continued negotiation, and believe we are able to reach a mutually beneficial deal without disrupting customers.

On Wednesday, DISH was granted a temporary restraining order to prevent Apollo from blacking out additional channels it acquired from Cox last year. Apollo has been warning Cox viewers that they may lose access to those stations on DISH, despite DISH and Cox having just renewed their multi-year contract in March 2019.

For reference, the Apollo-owned stations are listed below.

Former Northwest stations:

- KLAX-TV, Channel 31, (ABC, Alexandria, La.)
- WICZ-TV, Channel 40 (FOX, Binghamton, N.Y.)
- WBPN, Channel 8 (MNT, Binghamton, N.Y.)
- KIEM-TV, Channel 3 (NBC, Eureka, Calif.)
- KVIQ-TV, Channel 17 (CBS, Eureka, Calif.)
- WABG-TV, Channel 6 (ABC, Greenwood-Greenville, Miss.)
- WABGD-TV, Channel 10 (FOX, Greenwood-Greenville, Miss.)
- WNBD-TV, Channel 33 (NBC, Greenwood-Greenville, Miss.)
- WXVT-TV, Channel 15 (CBS, Greenwood-Greenville, Miss.)
- KPVI-TV, Channel 6 (NBC, Idaho Falls-Pocatello, Idaho)
- KMVU-TV, Channel 26 (FOX, Medford-Klamath Falls, Ore.)
- KFBI-TV, Channel 48 (MNT, Medford-Klamath Falls, Ore.)
- KAYU-TV, Channel 28 (FOX, Spokane, Wash.)
- WSYT-TV, Channel 68 (FOX, Syracuse, N.Y.)
- WNYS-TV, Channel 43 (MNT, Syracuse, N.Y.)
- KCYU-TV, Channel 41 (FOX, Yakima-Pasco-Richland-Kennewick, Wash.)
- KSWT-TV, Channel 13 (CBS, Yuma AZ - El Centro, Calif.)
- KYMA-TV, Channel 11 (NBC, Yuma AZ - El Centro, Calif.)

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Former Cox stations:

- WSB-TV, Channel 2 (ABC, Atlanta, Ga.)
- WFXT-TV, Channel 25 (FOX, Boston, Mass.)
- WAXN-TV, Channel 64 (IND, Charlotte, N.C.)
- WSOC-TV, Channel 9 (ABC, Charlotte, N.C.)
- WHIO-TV, Channel 7 (CBS, Dayton, Ohio)
- WFOX-TV, Channel 30 (FOX, Jacksonville, Fla.)
- WFOX2-TV, Channel 32 (MNT, Jacksonville, Fla.)
- WHBQ-TV, Channel 62 (FOX, Memphis, Tenn.)
- WFTV-TV, Channel 9 (ABC, Orlando, Fla.)
- WRDQ-TV, Channel 27 (IND, Orlando, Fla.)
- WPXI-TV, Channel 11 (NBC, Pittsburgh, Pa.)
- KIRO-TV, Channel 7 (CBS, Seattle, Wash.)
- KMYT-TV, Channel 41 (MNT, Tulsa, Okla.)
- KOKI-TV, Channel 23 (FOX, Tulsa, Okla.)

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