

Resolution # _____ 2018

Resolution Requesting Charter Communications/Spectrum to Continue WSKG as Part of its Basic Cable Service to Subscribers Residing in Tompkins County

WHEREAS, WSKG TV, a public television station originating in Binghamton, NY, is currently offered as part of the basic cable television lineup that Charter Communications/Spectrum provides to subscribers residing in Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, WSKG TV's programming offers local news and arts coverage of particular interest to residents of Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, Charter Communications/Spectrum has announced its intention to remove WSKG from the basic cable television lineup it provides to subscribers residing in Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, Charter Communications/Spectrum also recently elected to remove WENY TV, a primary provider of local Tompkins County news and sports coverage, from its basic cable television lineup, and

WHEREAS, it is, therefore, a public service, and in the public interest, for Charter Communications/Spectrum to continue to offer WSKG as part of the basic cable television lineup it provides to subscribers residing in Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, it will cost Charter Communications/Spectrum nothing to continue to offer WSKG as part of its basic cable television lineup, and

WHEREAS, Federal Communication Commission rules neither require nor prohibit Charter Communications/Spectrum from continuing to offer WSKG as part of its basic cable television lineup, now therefore be it

WHEREAS, numerous residents of Tompkins County have communicated their anger at Spectrum's decision and asked County officials to speak up on their behalf, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature asks Charter Communications/Spectrum to reverse its announced decision and to continue to offer WSKG TV as part of the basic cable lineup it provides to subscribers residing in Tompkins County,

RESOLVED, further, That copies of this resolution be sent to Charter Communications/Spectrum, Congressman Tom Reed, and New York State Senator Tom O'Mara.

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