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§ 76.930  Initiation of review of basic cable service and equipment rates.

A cable operator shall file its schedule of rates for the basic service tier and associated equipment with a franchising authority within 30 days of receiving written notification from the franchising authority that the franchising authority has been certified by the Commission to regulate rates for the basic service tier. Basic service and equipment rate schedule filings for existing rates or proposed rate increases (including increases in the baseline channel change that results from reductions in the number of channels in a tier) must use the appropriate official FCC form, a copy thereof, or a copy generated by FCC software. Failure to file on the official FCC form, a copy thereof, or a copy generated by

§ 76.925  Costs of franchise requirements.

(a) Franchise requirement costs may include cost increases required by the franchising authority in the following categories:
   (1) Costs of providing PEG access channels;
   (2) Costs of PEG access programming;
   (3) Costs of technical and customer service standards to the extent that they exceed federal standards;
   (4) Costs of institutional networks and the provision of video services, voice transmissions and data transmissions to or from governmental institutions and educational institutions, including private schools, to the extent such services are required by the franchise agreement; and

   (5) When the operator is not already in the process of upgrading the system, costs of removing cable from utility poles and placing the same cable underground.

   (b) The costs of satisfying franchise requirements to support public, educational, and governmental channels shall consist of the sum of:
      (1) All per channel costs for the number of channels used to meet franchise requirements for public, educational, and governmental channels;
      (2) Any direct costs of meeting such franchise requirements; and
      (3) A reasonable allocation of general and administrative overhead.

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