



## **TEGNA Files Cross-Complaint Against DISH for Bad-Faith Conduct and Responds to Its False Claims**

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TYSONS, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 5, 2021-- TEGNA Inc. (NYSE: TGNA) today announced that it has filed a response to DISH's baseless complaint to the FCC and, in addition, has filed its own cross-complaint against DISH for its failure to comply with the FCC's good faith rules and its material misrepresentations about the negotiation to the FCC and the public. The company issued the following statement:

"As we speak, millions of DISH customers are being deprived of valued local and national news, weather coverage, NFL and college football and top-rated entertainment shows. Instead of working to restore our programming, DISH is abusing the FCC's processes and, more importantly, wasting their customers' time with baseless complaints.

"Our response and cross-complaint show that it is DISH which has acted in bad faith, not only by obstructing negotiations over many months but also through the distortions it has presented to the public and the FCC. Unfortunately, DISH's behavior is consistent with its track record of obstructive tactics. Last year alone, DISH deprived its customers of more than 230 different channels due to disputes like this one. In addition, the company has a long history of abusing the process by bringing business disputes to regulators and courts.

"We welcome the FCC's review of DISH's conduct, but our main focus remains on reaching a fair, market-based deal, just as we have with DISH's competitors over the past several years. We yet again call on DISH to engage in serious negotiations with us to restore its subscribers' access to our stations' valued programming."

TEGNA continues to encourage DISH subscribers to make their voices heard on this matter and, if DISH continues to deny them access to channels they value, to consider switching to providers that carry those channels.

TEGNA's complaint against DISH can be found [here](#).

### **About TEGNA**

TEGNA Inc. (NYSE: TGNA) is an innovative media company that serves the greater good of our communities. Across platforms, TEGNA tells empowering stories, conducts impactful investigations and delivers innovative marketing solutions. With 64 television stations in 51 U.S. markets, TEGNA is the largest owner of top 4 network affiliates in the top 25 markets among independent station groups, reaching approximately 39 percent of all television households nationwide. TEGNA also owns leading multicast networks True Crime Network, Twist and Quest. TEGNA offers innovative solutions to help businesses reach consumers across television, digital and over-the-top (OTT) platforms, including [Premion](#), TEGNA's OTT advertising service. For more information, visit [www.TEGNA.com](http://www.TEGNA.com).

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