

## Must-Carry or Retransmission Consent Election. (#18)

Must-Carry or Retransmission Consent Election. There are two ways that a broadcast TV station can choose to be carried on a cable TV system: "must-carry" and "retransmission consent."

Must-Carry. All TV stations are generally entitled to be carried on cable television systems in their local markets. A station that chooses to exercise this right receives no compensation from the cable system.

Retransmission Consent. Instead of exercising their "must-carry" rights, commercial TV stations may choose to receive compensation from a cable system in return for granting permission to the cable system to carry the station. This option is available only to commercial TV stations.

Every three years, commercial TV stations must decide whether their relationship with each local cable system will be governed by must-carry or by retransmission consent agreements. Each commercial station must keep a copy of its decision in the public file for the three-year period to which it pertains.

Noncommercial stations are not entitled to compensation in return for carriage on a cable system, but they may request mandatory carriage on the system. A noncommercial station making this request must keep a copy of the request in the public file for the duration of the period to which it applies. .

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see rule 76.64

### **WTJR'S REALTIONSHIP WITH ALL CABLE OPERATORS IS MUST-CARRY**

**"(3) Television stations that fail to make an election by the specified deadline will be deemed to have elected must carry status for the relevant three-year period."** 73.64 f-3

On or before October 1, 2002, every television station must send notices of its election between must-carry and retransmission consent to each of the cable television systems in its local market. These elections become effective on January 1, 2003, for the three-year period ending December 31, 2005.

**WTJR did not preform said election and is now aware of that fact.**

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*Same conditions exist - Michael Wortman 10-10-05  
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