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Comcast has announced that, effective January 15, 2008, subscribers in many Michigan communities, for the first time, will need to rent a set-top box from Comcast to view PEG channels. During the first year, each subscriber will be given a set-top box free of charge for one television, but will need to lease additional set-top boxes for each additional television in order to view PEG channels. Further, the availability of the single free set-top box will expire after one year.

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January 7, 2007 Comcast response

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