

FPB cable customers may see 5% hike from network pass-through fees

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Frankfort Plant Board cable customers may notice a rise in network pass-through fees on their bills starting in July. The proposed hikes are a direct result of increased programming costs of the channels on FPB cable.

During its May board meeting, FPB held a public hearing about increasing the rate of the cable network pass-through fee, as well as the rate for Bulk Cable I and Bulk Cable II.

The plant board's monthly customer charge of \$12.79 will remain unchanged.

"If I could just point out that ... we're not raising our fees, it's because the programming that we buy, like it's always been," explained FPB Board Chair John Cubine.

As a result, Classic Tier cable subscribers would pay \$71.25 per month — a 5% jump from \$67.85 this past year. That would make the total monthly rate, including the cable network pass-through fees, retransmission surcharge and FPB customer charge, \$116.67.

Retention Tier customers would pay 98 cents more in cable network pass-through fees at \$15.18 each month. Combined with the \$32.63

retransmission surcharge and FPB customer charge, Retention Tier subscribers' monthly rate would be \$60.60.

Customers of Bulk Cable I, which is provided to hotels and dormitories, would pay nearly \$1 more per outlet each month at \$18.20. Subscribers of Bulk Cable II, which is a service provided to office buildings with more than eight outlets, would jump from \$29.95 per month to \$31.62.

The public hearing also included establishing four new residential Nextband internet packages and add-on services.

With a speed of 300M, Nextband Essential would cost \$55 per month and includes Wifi. Nextband Family would be priced at \$70 per month at a speed of 500M and includes Wifi.

The Nextband Home Hero has a speed of 1,000M offers whole-home Wifi and would cost \$90 each month. Nextband Trail Blazer would be priced at \$145 per month with a speed of 5,000M. It also includes whole-home Wifi.

These four new Nextband internet packages would only be available to new and upgrading subscribers. Existing customers will be able to maintain their existing packages.

Add-on services include Bark

Parental Controls at \$12 per month and outdoor Wifi at \$20 each month per device.

The plant board is also establishing a Nextband Stream Lite package, which would include a lineup of channels delivered over the broadband without the expense of sports and local broadcast channels.

The channel lineup, which may fluctuate over time, would include Cable 10; FPB Local Weather; A&E; Lifetime; Lifetime Movie Network; History Channel; Hallmark Channel; Hallmark Family; Hallmark Movies & Mysteries; FYI; World Fishing Network; Outdoor Channel; Mav TV; Game Show Network; Great American Family; Sony Movies; AXS TV; TBN; Leased Access Channel 20; FPB Marketplace; HDNet Movies; INSP; C-SPAN; C-SPAN 2; C-SPAN 3; and Next Level Sports.

Nextband Stream Lite would only be available as an internet service and is not a traditional cable package. The cost would be \$20 monthly.

"Remember, if any of the public who might be watching, do want to comment, you go to our website www.FPB.cc prior to our next meeting on Tuesday, June 17 and we will accept written comments and you can also phone in as well," added FPB Board Vice Chair John Snyder.

RESOURCES STILL AVAILABLE FOR APRIL FLOOD VICTIMS

Ready Frankfort along with city and county government on Monday gave a brief recovery update for those still dealing with the ramifications from April's historical flood. Dumpsters will continue to be available in flood-affected areas for the next two weeks and are specifically for residents doing flood clean up. The Disaster Recovery Center, located at 827 Louisville Road, is open for in-person FEMA assistance in addition to assistance from community agencies.

Flood-affected residents are eligible for a reimbursement on water usage for flood cleanup. To start the process, call the Sewer Department at 502-875-2448. Those in need of electrical inspections should call the Franklin County Planning and Zoning for an electrical inspector at 502-875-8701. Questions regarding building permits and inspections should be directed to the City Planning Department at 502-352-2094.

Residents in need of food, shelter, supplies or other assistance should contact the CARES Coalition at frankfortfloodrelief@gmail.com The CARES Coalition is also connecting volunteers with those who are in need of cleanup help.

The Frankfort/Franklin County Flood Relief Fund, a collaborative effort between the City of Frankfort, Franklin County Fiscal Court and the Franklin County Community Fund is continuing to raise money for those affected by the recent flood. To make a donation, visit <https://tinyurl.com/franklincountyflood>.

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UNIVERSITY OF THE CUMBERLANDS RELEASES PRESIDENT'S LIST

The University of the Cumberland has announced the students named to the President's List for the spring 2025 semester.

Students from Frankfort named to the President's List are Morgan Engel, Angelica Rogers, Bruce Close, Zion Robertson, Krystal Boyer, Jaden Anderson, Wesley Perkins, Samantha Ballard, Alexandra Dery, Jon Eades, Nelia Cuentas, Jodie Robinson, Madison Durham, Ashby Hart, Caroline Hudson, Eleanor Van Neste and Elizabeth McDonald. To be eligible for the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0 for the semester, receive an "A" grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing.

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UNIVERSITY OF THE CUMBERLANDS RELEASES DEAN'S LIST

The University of the Cumberland has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester. Students from Frankfort named to the Dean's List are Aaron Barnes, Addison Barrett, Jessica Buchner, Jessica Camic, Emma Campbell, Anna Dooley, Barbara Hicks, Logan Hurley, Hannah Hutcherson, Jessica Perkins, Shelby Quarles, Deborah Rodgers, James Rogers and Hannah Sowders.

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FOUNTAIN NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT S. NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY

Bethanna Fountain, of Frankfort, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Spring 2025 Dean's List. The spring terms run from January to May. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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HUTCHERSON NAMED TO CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Grace Hutcherson of Frankfort, was named to the Dean's List at Cedarville University for Spring 2025. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.50 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

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CCU expands commitment to Eastern Ky. with enhanced services, community focus

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Following a successful merger, Commonwealth Credit Union (CCU) has welcomed members of Eastern Kentucky Federal Credit Union into its growing family. With the addition of a new branch in Prestonsburg, CCU now offers more convenient service in the Eastern Kentucky region.

This expansion marks a significant milestone in CCU's mission to deliver extraordinary service across the region. By broadening its reach, the credit union is offering more individuals and families access to personalized financial solutions — while continuing to invest in the long-term vitality of the communities it serves.

Rooted in purpose and driven by a deep commitment to community, CCU's growing presence enhances its ability to make a lasting difference. The credit union remains dedicated to building stronger communities through trusted, member-first service and local engagement.

A key part of this commitment is empowering the next generation. CCU plans to introduce financial education programs to help students develop lifelong money management skills. The credit union believes that financially informed youth are better equipped to shape a brighter future — for themselves and for the region.

"This expansion reflects our deep and ongoing com-

mitment to serving the people of Eastern Kentucky," said Karen Harbin, President/CEO of Commonwealth Credit Union. "As a trusted financial partner and community advocate, we believe our role extends far beyond providing traditional banking services. By strengthening our presence in these communities, we are enhancing access to financial education and resources while actively investing in the growth and resilience of the local economy. Whether through supporting small businesses or empowering individuals and families, we are proud to contribute to a stronger, more vibrant future for the region."

This dedication to community is woven throughout the organization. From leadership to local branches, CCU continues to build meaningful relationships, support local initiatives, and uphold the values that have guided it for nearly 75 years.

"We are proud to deepen our presence in Eastern Kentucky," added Randy Fawns, Commonwealth Credit Union Board Chair. "Our focus is on helping individuals and families achieve their financial goals while adapting to meet their evolving needs. At the heart of everything we do is a commitment to making a positive impact."


To learn more about Kentucky's largest credit union and how you can become part of the CCU family, visit www.ccuky.org.

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