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## ACA Connects Hails FCC's Implementation Of MVPD Regulatory Fee Parity

ACA Connects President and CEO Matthew M. Polka issued the following statement in connection with the release of the Federal Communications Commission's [regulatory fee schedule](#) for fiscal year 2021:

"ACA Connects is pleased that the FCC finally has made the regulatory fee amount it charges DIRECTV and DISH Network per subscriber equal to that imposed on cable and IPTV providers, closing the book on its seven-year phase-in process. No longer will ACA Connects Members be burdened with paying a larger fee for

FCC Media Bureau activities that benefit all pay-television providers. While eliminating this inexplicable disparity was long overdue, ACA Connects particularly appreciates that the FCC has ensured that cable/IPTV and DBS providers will be assessed the same fee going forward by combining them into one regulatory fee category."

## **NextTV**

### **Atlantic Broadband Snags ACC Network**

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**Atlantic Broadband** said it will launch ESPN's **ACC Network** (ACCN) on its systems Sept. 1.

ACCN carries more than 500 games — regular season and tournament — over 27 sports involving schools from the collegiate Atlantic Coast Conference, plus news and information and original programming. Combined with its digital ACCNX platform that totals more than 1,500 ACC events annually. Atlantic Broadband, a top 10 cable broadband provider, will offer the games on its expanded basic variety tiers in states with an ACC school and on digital basic family in other markets. The games can also be accessed via the ESPN app.

"We are excited to add tremendous value to our channel lineups with the addition of ACCN," said Heather McCallion, VP of products and programming at Atlantic Broadband. "This latest enhancement will bring fans of the Atlantic Coast Conference the biggest matchups in college football and much more just as the season begins." The ACC schools are Boston College, Clemson, Duke, Florida State, Georgia Tech, University of Louisville, University of Miami, University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University, Notre Dame, University of Pittsburgh, Syracuse, University of Virginia, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest.

## **Lilly Broadcasting**

### **One North Carolina city built their own internet company. How local governments with millions in COVID relief could do the same.**

Wilson, North Carolina has features you'll find in many smaller cities across America: a main street diner, a theater, and a lot of local pride. Perhaps its biggest claim to fame is something you can't really see, at least not right away: city-wide high-speed fiberoptic internet. They've had it since 2008, a time when many Americans were still using dial-up internet. "In Wilson, we see high-speed broadband as infrastructure," said Grant Goings, Wilson, N.C. City Manager. Everything started in 2006 when Goings spearheaded a municipal broadband project after he said private telecom companies would not invest in high-speed internet in their area.

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## **Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**

### **Editorial Onsite school COVID-19 testing is a smart move that should be embraced by parents, students**

It's one of the smartest moves by state government in a long time. On-site testing for the COVID-19 virus will be available at schools across the commonwealth this year. The Wolf administration announced a partnership with a company to provide free COVID-19 testing in K-12 schools, statewide, this fall. And the state Department of Health has ordered that vaccine providers support COVID-19 vaccination clinics at K-12 schools as well as at colleges and universities. The tab for these initiatives will be covered by federal stimulus money

and there couldn't be a better use of the funds. An agreement — for \$87 million — is with Boston-based Concentric by Ginkgo Bioworks, also known as Ginkgo.

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