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A third media company has now expressed concerns over T-Mobile's TVision streaming service.

Sources familiar with the matter has told *The Streamable* that NBC believes that T-Mobile's **TVision** is in breach of their contract with the media company. Earlier today, both Discovery and ViacomCBS, expressed concerns with the way T-Mobile packaged their channels on their TVision streaming service.

On their earnings call, Discovery CEO David Zaslav said, "We were very surprised with how T-Mobile decided they were going to bundle our networks, particularly because we have a clear agreement where our networks are required to be carried on all their basic tiers or OTT offerings." Sources told *The Streamable* that ViacomCBS **shares the same concerns** in that their channels are available on their TVision VIBE (\$10) skinny bundle, but not on TVision Live (\$40+) plans.

Our sources say that NBC's concerns are a little different. According to a source, NBC feels their contract requires T-Mobile to distribute both owned-and-operated NBC and Telemundo stations, as well as local NBC affiliates to all TVision customers. Since NBC and Telemundo is only available in their TVision Live bundle, our source says that T-Mobile is in breach of their carriage agreement. We're told NBC has already notified T-Mobile and is exploring their options. T-Mobile also carries NBC's full set of cable networks like Bravo and NBCSN in their TVision Live package, but that does not seem to be at the center of the dispute.

A T-Mobile spokesperson told us in a statement, "TVision is off to a great start! The Un-carrier has always been about listening to customers and solving their pain points, and that's what we're doing with TVision. And clearly, the TV business has a lot of pain points to solve! We also want to be a great partner to media companies. We are of course complying with our content agreements, and we are absolutely open to evolving our services to make them even better for consumers. We are just getting started." TVision was officially announced on Oct. 27. The service comes with two plans: TVision VIBE and TVision Live.

TVision VIBE features 30 of the most watched entertainment channels including those from AMC, Hallmark, ViacomCBS, and Discovery for \$10. The service has many of the same channels as Philo (\$20), but is missing those from A&E, History, Lifetime, and select ones from Discovery. The second service comes in three tiers: TVision Live, which starts at \$40, is aimed at users who want live news and sports. It features a multitude of channels like ESPN, NBCSN, FS1, Bravo, and USA, as well as local affiliates from NBC, ABC, and Fox. They have two additional tiers, TVision Live+ (\$50) which adds additional sports networks like NFL Network, SEC Network, Big Ten Network, and NBC Sports RSNs, while TVision Live Zone adds channels like NFL RedZone and MAVTV.

TVision Live includes a 100-Hour DVR and can be streamed on three simultaneous devices. Unlike TVision Live, VIBE has no DVR included, but you can add one for \$5 a month. You will be able to use the service on two devices at a time. – *The Streamable*

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You know that stress-soaked feeling by now:

The presidency hangs in the balance and a deluge of data is streaming at you on cable television, where stat-nerds like MSNBC's Steve Kornacki and CNN's John King rush through the latest ballot tallies of various swing states, illustrated on enormous, high-tech maps. U.S. Sen. Bob Casey (D., Pa.) decided to dial it back a bit.

Scranton's second-most famous native politician printed up a big, low-tech map of Pennsylvania's 67 counties and, 30 minutes after the polls closed

Tuesday, [started posting brief videos](#) of his own analysis on Twitter. The vibe: Mr. Rogers looking into the camera and saying, “Hey neighbor, let’s go to the map.”

Casey hails from a Democratic family famous for digging deep into the data of statewide elections, and expected to explain all that for voters and some reporters just for election night. But as social media strategy goes, this was new territory for the usually stoic [three-term senator](#).

And then as Election Day became Election Week, as the tally in Pennsylvania accumulated slowly — thanks to the cumbersome job [of counting millions of mail ballots](#) — the task suddenly looked far more “consuming,” Casey said. “I thought it would be pretty limited,” Casey told Clout. “Well, from there it just kind of took off.”

Casey credits the “particular quaint appeal” of his low-tech approach. His analysis is also self-aware. He started [a Twitter video Wednesday](#) with the Mr. Rogers theme song, a shout-out to the late Fred Rogers, a Pittsburgh native famous for his [public television show for children](#).

“Hi neighbor,” Casey said, borrowing the show’s iconic opening and a reference to the sweater Rogers always wore for broadcasts. “I’ve been hearing a lot about this sweater. But we shouldn’t focus on the sweater. We should focus on the votes, the mail-in ballots that are coming in all across Pennsylvania.” With that, Casey dropped the sweater and pointed to his map. A star was born. A torch was passed.

By Thursday evening, Casey was 23 installments into his series. He broke it up with some dad-joke posts. Example: “Everyone’s been asking me about my map, so here’s my official statement: Geology rocks but geography is where it’s at,” [Casey tweeted Thursday](#). There were blooper-reels too, like [the video he tweeted](#), busting up in laughter Wednesday as the whiteboard he was using to show vote tallies in Bucks County kept falling off its easel.

And there were cable news-like split-screen shots, like [his video appearance Wednesday](#) with his map in the Twitter feed of Democratic colleague U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy from Connecticut. Finally, Thursday afternoon, the competition came calling. CNN’s King, with Wolf Blitzer as wingman, went map-to-map with Casey, who, as always, was broadcasting from his home in Scranton, with a backdrop of a barrister’s bookcase and a wall full of diplomas and other framed documents.

King, from a glitz studio, posed questions about Casey’s analysis — “when you look at your map ...” — as the senator asserted that [Scranton native](#) Joe Biden would prevail in Pennsylvania, driven in part by [strong numbers in Philadelphia and mail ballots yet to be counted](#). “I think it is inevitable,” Casey told CNN, praising Biden for traversing the state, the map in the background. “You have to go everywhere. You have to have a message for every part of the state.”

Casey now wonders if his map will find a place in some political museum once this history is written. He also jokes that another career could be in the offing. Clout had to ask: Should Kornacki and King be looking over their shoulder for competition in 2024? “They should be worried about their maps, I think, but maybe not worried about their jobs,” Casey said of his low-key, low-tech approach. “Maybe it humanizes the process. It’s not as mechanical.”

— Chris Brennan’s “Clout” column in *Philadelphia Daily News*

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Late night humor is often political, frequently gleeful and generally a fluid blend of accurate and exaggerated. That’s comedy.

Stephen Colbert may be the reigning king of the savage political snark, but Tuesday, he took a Twitter stab at the Keystone State that might have seemed

like humor but could point to a more pressing problem. "The human body was not made to expend this much energy thinking about Pennsylvania," he tweeted at 7:30 p.m., half an hour before the polls closed in the 2020 general election.

We get it. It's been a long, stressful four years, no matter who you supported or how you registered. And then Pennsylvania became the girl everyone wanted to take to the dance. Is there anyone connected with either the Trump or Biden campaigns who hasn't spent time in Steelers Country or in some kind of Philly cheesesteak-related photo op? Probably not.

Because everyone knew the road to victory was likely to go through Pennsylvania. Like the Turnpike, it might have potholes, but it would be straightest shot from where you were to where you wanted to be. It would just be complicated by counting, courts and the politics of politics. None of that is the fault of Pennsylvanians — although there could be an argument that state and county leaderships could make it worse with infighting and posturing. It's not a Westmoreland voter's fault that there were so many mail-in ballots. It's not an Allegheny voter's fault that those ballots couldn't be counted until Election Day, even if they were received a month earlier.

So it seems unfair to snipe about Pennsylvania when no one wants to know how the 2020 election will end more than the people who live here. But aside from that, Colbert's tweet points to how we have gotten to this contentious, siege-like standoff in our political landscape.

People should be thinking about Pennsylvanians. Washington should think about what is good for a steelworker or a nurse or a day care provider more than what is good for faceless industries. Leaders should have considered the 12 million real people who live here for the last 20 years, instead of just the 20 electoral votes on the table in the last 12 months. Pennsylvanians are important more than for a few days every four years. They work hard; they care about their neighbors. It is a state where most fires are put out by volunteers who understand the importance of showing up when someone needs help.

The jokes about blue Pittsburgh and blue Philadelphia anchoring the sea of red Pennsyltucky in between are cheap shots that dismiss the problems that too often are unanswered because it is easy to ignore rural areas and low-income urban areas alike. It is easier to be disdainful about a state and a people who aren't thought about every day. It's surely tempting to wish everything could go back to being about things that aren't unemployment and health care, education and energy — the things that matter to or affect Pennsylvanians. But that's not very funny, is it? — **Pittsburgh Tribune-Review** editorial

