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Santel to Negotiate Network Rebroadcast Fees

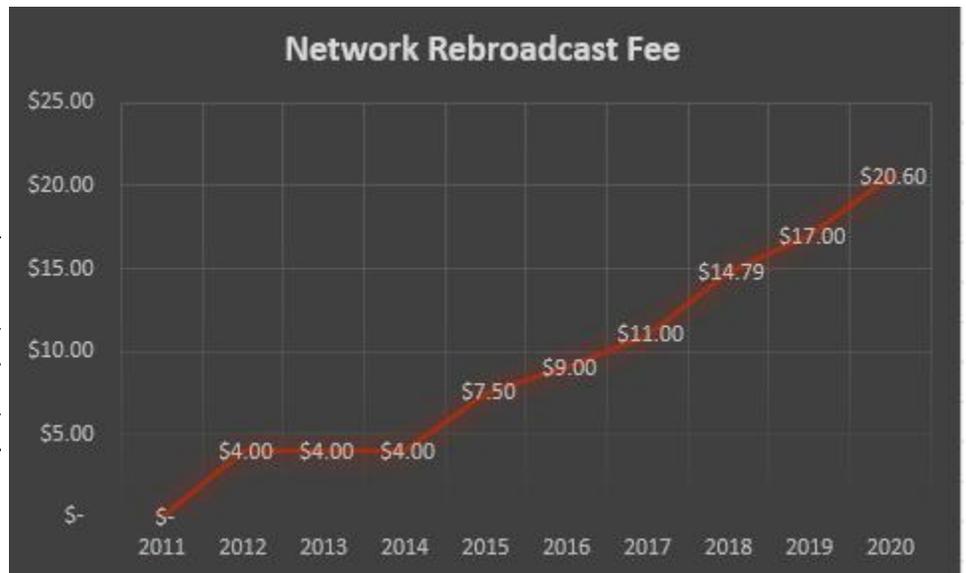
Santel Communications is again negotiating the retransmission agreements for our carriage of local networks including KELO (CBS), KDLT (NBC) and KSFY (ABC). Retransmission agreements grant us permission to re-transmit these stations for a fee when they used to be free for everyone.

Cable TV providers such as Santel offer these networks on our systems for your convenience. If you live close enough to one of their broadcast towers you could probably get some of these stations free over the air (just like in the “old” days), but you’d need an antenna on your roof. While there are reliability issues when trying to receive signals over the air, we don’t believe it’s fair that some viewers are able to watch their stations for free while others, such as you, are charged rates which continue to increase at a pace much higher than the rate of inflation.

As recently as 2011, Santel customers were able to view these four major networks for free. As of 2020, our network rebroadcast fee is \$20.60 per month.

While we consider KELO, KDLT and KSFY to be local stations, they are actually owned by outside station groups. For instance, KELO is owned by Nexstar Media; KDLT and KSFY are both owned by Gray Television. Please know that Santel values the content provided by these local networks and we know you do too. We will be working hard to negotiate a reasonable rate...as your member-owned cooperative we fight hard for your interests.

For more information regarding these negotiations or other cable TV concerns, please go to www.tvonmyside.com.



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Santel is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Santel Special Events Channels 901–903



State Football Championships
Live from Vermillion Nov 12th-14th

State Volleyball Championships
Live from Huron, Brookings & Watertown
Nov 19th–21st



Directory Additions

WOLSEY

Leddy, Cherie 883-4499

WOONSOCKET

Hollingsworth, Seth & Shawna
796-2323

Enjoy slow-roasted turkey with a side of *fast* internet

Preparing for Thanksgiving involves lots of online activities – researching recipes, ordering groceries, compiling playlists, reviewing Black Friday ads, and planning your holiday shopping. Then on the day itself, you’ll be streaming football games and the Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade.

Make this holiday (and all the holidays and regular days to come) go more smoothly.

Call 605-796-4411 to order faster internet and pay just your current rate for the first month.*

Happy Thanksgiving
and thanks for being a loyal customer!



*Some restrictions apply. Contact us for complete details.



Universal Service Administrative Co.

Santel subscribers that are enrolled in USAC’s Lifeline program will see a reduction in the monthly credit if you have telephone services only. Broadband customers will continue to receive credit of \$9.25 per month; however customers with Phone-Only credit will reduce from \$7.25 to \$5.25 as of December 1, 2020.

South Dakota is Part of Locast Nation

Locast is a not-for-profit service that offers viewers access to broadcast television stations over the Internet. Their programming includes KELO, KSFY, KDLT, KTTW and other smaller networks. The **Locast** website boasts that their mission is “So you can enjoy TV anytime, anywhere...” It goes on to say that access to broadcast TV is our right, and existing antiquated technology doesn’t come close to meeting the needs of average users. In addition to the convenience of being mobile, there is also need in rural areas because many households cannot get proper signal over-the-air.



You can access **Locast** at locast.org website, via streaming providers such as Amazon, Roku, Apple TV or Google Play and via app stores.

Check it out for yourself!