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## CABLE TV RATES: HAS DEREGULATION FAILED?

WITH

**Mark Cooper**

*Research Director, Consumer Federation of America*

VS.

**Thomas W. Hazlett**

*Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute*

MODERATOR:

**Ted Hearn**

*Washington News Editor, Multichannel News*

Cable TV rates were regulated pursuant to the 1992 Cable Act, but then deregulated in the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Recent rate increases have spurred a rethinking of decontrol among some policy makers. A new report by the General Accounting Office establishes that subscribers' bills have been increasing at a substantially faster pace than the Consumer Price Index, a curious finding given the rapid growth of cable's principle video competitor, satellite TV. The GAO also finds that prices are substantially lower in markets where head-to-head cable competition occurs. Has deregulation of cable proven a failure? Mark Cooper, Research Director of the Consumer Federation of America, and Thomas Hazlett, Manhattan Institute Senior Fellow, will address this question in a debate moderated by Ted Hearn, Washington News Editor, Multichannel News.

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