



**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

February 15, 2018

RE: Restoration of Starz/Encore Programming

To Whom it May Concern:

Altice USA, Inc. (“Altice” or “the Company”) hereby notifies your office that Altice and Starz have reached a multiyear agreement to resume carriage to Optimum residential and business customers<sup>1</sup> of the full suite of Starz/Encore programming.<sup>2</sup> Most of the Channels are scheduled to be restored to their prior channel positions by the end of February.<sup>3</sup>

No existing channels – including those added to the Optimum lineup on January 1<sup>4</sup> – are being removed or repositioned to accommodate the Channels, nor will any customer’s rate increase as a result of the restoration.<sup>5</sup> Customers can also continue to access the programming directly from Starz via the Starz App.

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<sup>1</sup> Affected customers are those subscribing to the Optimum Preferred, Optimum Select and above residential packages, as well as those subscribing to a Starz a la carte offering, and commercial customers on the Business & Entertainment Preferred packages.

<sup>2</sup> Starz on Demand, Starz, Starz Kids & Family, Starz Edge, Starz in Black, Starz West, Starz Comedy, Starz Cinema, Starz Encore On Demand, Starz Encore, Starz Encore Suspense, Starz Encore Westerns, Starz Encore Classic, Starz Encore Black, Starz Encore Family, Starz Encore West, Starz Encore Action (the “Channels”).

<sup>3</sup> Projected restoration timing for Starz West HD, Starz Kids & Family HD and Starz Comedy HD is by mid-April.

<sup>4</sup> Altice added Sony Movie Channel, MGM HD, Hallmark Drama and The Cowboy Channel to the Optimum lineup on January 1 at no incremental charge to customers.

<sup>5</sup> Optimum customers who previously purchased Starz a la carte as of 12/31/17 will receive the same a la carte offering at no charge through 3/31/18. During the month of April, any customer who wishes to cancel the Starz a la carte service may do so and receive a full refund of their monthly Starz a la carte charge. In addition, Starz a la carte customers will receive access to Starz’ SVOD content at no charge (previously \$4.95/mo.).



Customers are being notified through multiple means including email, TV spots, bill message and at [www.optimum.net/starz](http://www.optimum.net/starz). Customers can always find Optimum's current programming line-ups on our website at [www.optimum.net](http://www.optimum.net).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 929-418-4750 or by email at [John.Dullaghan@AlticeUSA.com](mailto:John.Dullaghan@AlticeUSA.com)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dullaghan", written in a cursive style.

John Dullaghan  
Director, Government Affairs