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outery from its subscribers when it didn't carry Fox Sports Detroit during the Red Wings exhibition season while the company negotiated a programming fee with the network.

Time Warner is also losing revenue it received from the \$9.95 a month subscription fee for the cable system charged for PASS, McCann said.

"We're in a time when programming costs are going through the roof," said Tom Bjorklund, Time Warner regional vice-president. "I think this is a very conservative rate increase, or adjustment as I am supposed to say."

SWOCC members said it's still a rate increase - one of more than 10-percent.

SWOCC protested a previous rate hike and the FCC ruled that Time Warner was overcharging subscribers 65 cents a month for basic rates. Time Warner appealed the ruling, which is still under review. Customers have not received a refund.

How SWOCC proceeds depends on when the FCC rules on Time Warner's appeal on last January's rate increase, officials said. Arguing over the increase at Tuesday's meeting was premature and only for the

media's benefit, said Farmington Councilman Bill Hartsock, SWOCC chairman.

Farmington Hills Mayor and SWOCC member Aldo Vagnozzi said he's trying to generate public interest in such increases by cable companies.

"The public has a right to know," Vagnozzi said.

SWOCC has already received numerous complaints about the latest increase, said Caron Collins, SWOCC executive director.

"Unless we take (rates) down, we hear complaints," McCann said.

Man dies after trailer fire

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A 37-year old man died of second- and third-degree burns suffered in a mobile home blaze Nov. 7, making his the city's first fire fatality in nearly two years.

Buckley W. Bake died Nov. 13 at the University of Michigan Burn Center from complications due to burns sustained from the waist up before he escaped from a burning home in Farmington Mobile Manor on Eight Mile. Washenaw County medical examiners ruled the death as accidental, said Lt. Mike Carr, Hills fire spokesman.

Hills fire officials continue to investigate the blaze.

"He was obviously unable to react to the fire as it occurred," Carr said. "We are trying to find out why he wasn't able to get going and react to it. Something prevented him from doing that."

Bake was a guest of the mobile home's renter, Michael Bowman, who told police that the two had been drinking earlier. Bowman said he passed out on the couch and later went to a neighbor's when he noticed his trailer burning around 2:10 a.m.

Bowman banged on the trailer to awaken Bake, who then jumped through a window. He was taken to Batesford Hospital and then transferred to the U-M Burn Center where he remained in critical condition.

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