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**NEW WEB SITE PREPARES CONSUMERS TO TAKE CHARGE
AGAINST TIME-WARNER CABLE'S CONTROVERSIAL PROPOSAL
TO CHARGE INTERNET USAGE FEES**

AUSTIN, TX -- April 13, 2009 – If knowledge is power, then Chip Rosenthal is empowering thousands of Central Texas consumers, like himself, who object to Time-Warner Cable's controversial plans to meter broadband Internet usage.

Rosenthal, an Austin-based technology advocate and community technology leader, has created the *Austin Broadband Information Center* (<http://www.austinbroadband.info/>). The new, independent web site will track news and information related to the national controversy with a special focus on how the proposal impacts Austin residents.

This month, it was revealed that Time-Warner Cable has proposed placing “bandwidth caps” on its Road Runner residential Internet access service, and assessing fees on users that exceed those caps. The fees could add about \$2 to the cost of streaming a typical movie across the net. In the case of high-definition video, the fees could add up to \$8 to the cost of viewing a single typical movie. Austin is one of four U.S. cities selected for metered Internet trials later this year by Time-Warner Cable.

“People are confused and upset about this,” said Mr. Rosenthal. “This web site will provide a trusted resource to let people know what's going on, and, more importantly, what they can do about it.”

The *Austin Broadband Information Center* includes a “Learn More” section that explains the proposal and why it would be harmful for customers. The “Take Action” section explains what concerned Internet users can do. A “Resources” section provides a comprehensive roundup of the best background material on the issue.

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