

# MTN warns of second digital migration



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MTN South Africa has told the Independent Communications Authority of SA (ICASA) that a second digital migration may be necessary once the move from analogue to digital television broadcasting has been completed because of the fragmentation of the spectrum that will be freed up when analogue signals are turned off.

The operator also doesn't want set-top-boxes to be subsidised by the Universal Service and Access Fund (USAF).

MTN says that as the "digital dividend" - the spectrum to be freed up by the move from analogue to digital broadcasting - becomes available, "it will be in small blocks scattered throughout the upper broadcasting frequency bands and there has been no plan on how to deal with that".

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