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NEW "SLIDERS" EPISODES MAKE CHANNEL HISTORY

**Back-to-Back Premiere Episodes Deliver Highest Series Ratings Ever for
The Sci-Fi Channel**

Monday's debut of original *Sliders* episodes on The Sci-Fi Channel made an other-worldly impact on the channel's ratings – the series fourth season bow beat all previous series ratings records for The Sci-Fi Channel. *Sliders'* season premiere also marked the exclusive original launch of the series on the network with the airing of two back-to-back original episodes on Monday, June 8. The 9 p.m. ET episode delivered a 2.2 HH rating, representing 1,072,000 homes¹ -- the highest premiere-episode rating for any series on the Sci-Fi Channel. The second original, at 10 p.m. ET, brought a 2.4 HH rating, representing 1,168,000 homes -- making it the highest-rated series episode ever to air on the channel.

Adult 18-49 deliveries also peaked with 1,082,720 at 9 p.m. and 1,109,600 at 10 p.m.

The previous high for a Sci-Fi Channel premiere was the 2-hour pilot for *Space: Above & Beyond* which delivered a 2.1 HH rating in January. The former record for a series episode on the channel was the second telecast of *V - The Series* with a 1.8 in August 1996. Off-Fox episodes of *Sliders* reached a previous high of 1.5 for two episodes including the premiere in March.

Sliders regularly airs on Mondays from 9 to 10 p.m. ET.

Sci-Fi Channel, a division of USA Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ:USAI), is available in over 49 million homes and features a mix of original and classic science-fiction, fantasy, horror and futuristic series, movies and specials, plus science fact programming. Sci-Fi Channel is also available internationally in Latin America, Brazil, Europe and the South African countries. The Dominion, Sci-Fi Channel's web site, is located at the following address: (<http://www.scifi.com>).

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¹ Data source: Nielsen Media Research, NMR Galaxy (Monday, June 8)
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