

## **APPLIED ECONOMICS FOR MANAGERS SESSION 8—**

### **I. BASIC DISCRIMINATION STRATEGIES**

#### **A. PRICE TACTICS**

1. TWO-PART TARIFFS
2. BLOCK-PRICING OR QUANTITY DISCOUNTS
3. MARKET SEGMENTATION

#### **B. PRODUCT DESIGN ISSUES**

1. BUNDLING/TYING
  - a. THE SHOW MUST GO ON
  - b. MAGICAM
2. VERSIONING
3. LOCATION ISSUES

#### **C. PROFIT = CREATION AND CAPTURE OF VALUE**

### **II. TYING AND PRICE DISCRIMINATION**

#### **A. IMAGINARY FIRM—ROWLING CORP.**

1. MAKES A UNIQUE CAMERA CALLED THE MAGICAM.
2. PEOPLE IN PHOTO CAN WAVE AND TALK TO VIEWER.
3. HEAVY DESIGN COSTS SUNK IN DEVELOPING THE MAGICAM, BUT VARIABLE PRODUCTION COSTS = ZERO.
4. CAMERA REQUIRES SPECIAL FILM COSTING €2/PHOTO TO MAKE—SUPPLIED BY COMPETITIVE FILM INDUSTRY

#### **B. TWO TYPES OF MAGICAM CONSUMERS—**

1. HIGH DEMAND  $P = 16 - Q$  ( $Q =$  SHOTS PER MONTH)
2. LOW DEMAND  $P = 12 - Q$
3. THERE ARE 10 MILLION OF EACH TYPE

C. STRATEGY 1:

1. SELL CAMERA FOR €50.
2. RESULT: BOTH TYPES BUY CAMERA, ROWLING EARNS €50 FROM EACH TYPE OR €100 MILLION PER PAIR

D. STRATEGY 2:

1. DESIGN CAMERA SO THAT IT ONLY USES ROWLING'S SPECIAL MAGIFILM (WHICH COSTS €2 PER SHOT TO MAKE)
2. CHARGE €4 PER SHOT FOR FILM
  - a. LOW DEMAND TAKE 8 SHOTS (€32 SURPLUS)
  - b. HIGH DEMAND TAKE 12 SHOTS (€72 SURPLUS)
3. CHARGE €32 FOR CAMERA (LOW DEMAND SURPLUS)
4. RESULT: EARN €32 FROM BOTH IN CAMERA SALES PLUS €16 FROM LOW DEMAND AND €24 FROM HIGH DEMAND ON FILM EARN €104 PER PAIR

E. STRATEGY 3:

1. INTEGRATE FILM AND CAMERA SELLS TWO TYPES
  - a. 10 SHOT FOR €70 (LOW DEMAND VALUE OF 10 SHOTS)
  - b. 14 SHOT FOR €86 RESULT (HIGH DEMAND VALUE OF 14 SHOTS LESS €40):
2. RESULT: EARN €50 FROM LOW DEMAND AND €8 FROM HIGH DEMAND--€108 PER PAIR

F. **NOTE** QUANTITY DISCOUNT IN ALL STRATEGIES

1. PRICE PAID PER SHOT UNDER STRATEGY 2:
  - a. LOW DEMAND:  $(€32 + €32)/8 = €8$
  - b. HIGH DEMAND:  $(€32 + €48)/12 = €6.667$
2. PRICE PAID PER SHOT UNDER STRATEGY 3:
  - a. LOW DEMAND:  $€70/10 = €7$
  - b. HIGH DEMAND:  $€86/14 = €6.14$

### III. COMPETITION WITH PRICE DISCRIMINATION & VERSIONING

A. MONOPOLY POWER vs LARGE PROFIT

B. INTENSITY OF PRICE COMPETITION WITH DISCRIMINATORY PRICES



C. MONOPOLISTIC COMPETITION

1. CLOSE (NOT PERFECT) SUBSTITUTES  $\Rightarrow$  LOW PROFIT
2. INEFFICIENT—AVERAGE COST NOT MINIMIZED
3. LINEVILLE'S FIRE DEPARTMENT

NICHE MARKETS AND MONOPOLISTIC COMPETITION

