

I am a Time Warner Cable customer living in the New York City

Metropolitan Area. On May 1 and May 2, 2000, I lost my ABC TV feed on the Time Warner cable system, due to the dispute between Time Warner Cable, and Disney-ABC.

In light of this outage, I would recommend the Commission Disapprove the proposed Time Warner - AOL merger. Creating a large company such as Time-Warner-AOL would be a great dis-service to consumers, and would negatively impact our cable service.

Last year, I was a TCI Cable customer. As a result of a 'swap' TCI and Time Warner exchanged areas covered, again, in a display of the amount of power a cable company can wield.

In addition, I would recommend the Commission take a serious look at the operation of Disney-ABC, with the thought of watching the actions of a large entertainment company more closely. The public should Not be held Hostage as companies do battle. Disney should not be permitted to dictate the terms of supplying cable service to Time Warner. The public should be permitted to choose which cable channels it receives in its homes instead of having to pay for 'basic service channels' that are unwanted.

Thank you for your consideration.