

To the Commission:

As long as Time Warner Cable uses what appears to be extortionate means to negotiate with program providers, I am opposed to any action by the Commission which is favorable to Time Warner Cable. Should Time Warner Cable become any larger an entity (by merger with another telecommunications entity), the largess with which it is capable of strong-arming program providers increases. On another level, Time Warner Cable and other cable entities promised to lower rates in a regulatory climate favorable to them. As it stands now, those rates have not been diminished. Accordingly, for the foregoing two reasons, and until such reasons are resolved, it is not in the public interest, convenience, or necessity that these two entities be permitted to merge, consolidate operations, own one another's shares of stock, partner-up, or in any other way engage one another's operations. I pray the Commission will enter an appropriate order reflecting these views or such views as are consistent herewith.

Respectfully Submitted:

/s./ James E. Whedbee