

About a year ago, Comcast Corp took over my local franchise (Upper Dublin Twp., Montgomery Cty., PA) from Adelphia Communications. Since that time, I have received credit for six (6) months of cable service due to no or sub-standard service. For months, whenever the local newspaper(The Philadelphia Inquirer) printed an article about Comcast, they referenced that fact that \$0.40 out of every \$1.00 of revenue was profit. Which leads one to believe that either service must suffer or the cable company is overcharging the consumer.

If Comcast couldn't handle a small franchise acquisition, how can you expect them to do better with AT&T? Forget about the corporations and think about the consumers. Instead of allowing the merger, Comcast and AT&T, as well as other cable systems, should be required to compete in the same markets, giving consumers a choice, or lacking of competition, their rates should be controlled. The bottom line is that the merger should not be allowed and if the FCC looked at this from the consumer point of view and what is best, they would not allow the merger.

Thank you for your time.