

Echostar/DirectTV Merger

Please do NOT allow the merger. I wanted to voice my concern regarding the proposed merger. I feel it would create a unnecessary monopoly comparable to allowing just one ISP to control the entire internet. In fact I beleive we should be considering a completely different approach to our available bandwidth from space. We should instead force the companies to adopt a true MPEG standard that the consumer would be able to choose their hardware as well as their programming provider. That way consumers would not have to purchase different hardware if they chose to switch providers. All of the local channels could be located at the same satellite location and could be shared by whomever. All this monopoly would do would be to restrict opportunity, and stifle inovation. Also, I am not convinced that it would not economically jeopardize all the independent dealers and installation contractors, like myself, that currently serve local communities throughout the U.S.