

I think the merger would benefit rural america where cable isnt available.I live where cable isnt here yet.So satellite is one of options.The other is antenna which doesnt pick up squat.There are 210 local markets which could only be delivered by this merger.I have been in the satellite business for 6 years now.The one thing people want is there locals via satellite.There are still several DMAs that are not on satellite yet.I live in Birmingham dma so i get my locals.But just north of me in Fort Payne these people cant get there locals because Huntsville is not on satellite yet.With this merger this will be possible.It will also give satellite better competition with cable.So please approve this merger between Hughes and Echostar to help benefit rural america.

Thank You
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