

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

My husband and I live in Baring, Wa (pop. 243) We do not have access to cable, so therefor, have a satellite for viewing tv. So, no dsl for internet access. The phone lines installed in ground that service the town are very old. Fiber optics WERE installed approx. 6-7 years ago. But the company will not let local internet service providers tap into it for higher internet speed. We can only sign on around 24000 bps, and that is extremely slow. We live in mountains, get GREAT signal on our satellite and would be so wonderful if we could get high speed internet access as well through it. Being that we live where we live, it would be so much more affordable to be able to use my computer the way the computer was meant to be used! I am sitting here crossing my fingers that the merger goes through!!!!

Sincerely,

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