

Given the current structure of TV delivery systems currently employed in the USA, it is critical that the merger allowed to proceed. Satellite delivery is a welcomed alternative to cable, but if the merger is not allowed, I believe it would result in the demise of this delivery system. Consider this - as we move into the digital DTV age, more and more bandwidth is going to be required to handle the digital signals. Therefore, it is imperative to minimize spectrum waste. Duplicate programming is a severe waste of this valuable resource, which is the condition created by two satellite companies. Further, given current must-carry and exclusivity agreements, the satellite providers must air duplicate programming within their own systems. A complete waste!

Unless something is done to eliminate this waste, the merger should proceed.