

I have been a subscriber to Dish Network for over five years. In our area we do not receive any stations over the air so we must depend on either satellite or cable to watch any TV. Our local cable service is expensive and years behind in technology because most people in our area can't use satellite due to tree interference. I fear that the same stagnation and cost increases will happen if this merger is allowed to go through. They will give you the usual 'but we have to compete with cable.' Don't buy it and do not approve this merger. I have let my wallet speak for me by trying to keep the minimal service packages and I still end up paying \$40 a month. When my father wanted to install satellite I bought him a Direct TV system because of my dislike for Dish Network. Don't trust their promises or their phony Charlie Chat circus barker self promotion. They will take advantage of their market position and hurt the consumers based on a near monopoly of satellite service. Don't buy their 'internet for everyone' as this will be a non-issue with the advancements of new technologies long before this merger is ever complete. Trust me on this I am a degreed engineer certified in California as an expert witness on technology matters. Ask them why they charge \$5 per month for every receiver in the house that we have to buy. That is how cable started and ended up regulated, for a time, because of such anti-consumer practices. Charlie Ergen is a fast talking pitchman that will do anything to get his way. DO NOT BELIEVE THEIR LIES! They will make statistics lie and try and show you how good we are all going to have it. Frankly, I'm waiting for my cable to upgrade so I can switch, as I almost did to Direct TV until they announced this possible merger. Please do not approve this merger.

Sincerely,

Philip Butler