

I am writing today to give my show of support for the merger. I will keep it short and direct.

Why I like the merger;

- 1) More bandwidth to provide services today and in the future in relation to HDTV.
- 2) Better service provided today as the result of more satellites to broadcast programming and data services
- 3) Regulated pricing, ensuring that my programming costs will remain fixed unless a rate increase is approved.
- 4) Abilities to provide other services (Telephone, Internet) as provided for under the frequency spectrum provided by the FCC. Allowing competitive market for AT&T's Digital Cable services
- 5) Still allows for customer to choose between OTH (over the air), cable or satellite service.
- 6) Better programming selection

In summary I would like to state that I only feel that the merger requires DirectTV hardware to remain functional so consumers are not required to purchase new equipment, I have equipment from both companies and also subscribe to BOTH services, I would like to be able to reduce to a single service for all my programming need.

Regards,
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