

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

My own personal thoughts!!!!!!!!!!!!

The only viable competition to a very poorly performing cable industry is the combined Direct TV and Dish Network option. Prior to the Dish Network option, my family was STUCK with weekly cable outages and CUSTOMER NO-SERVICE. Upon termination of my cable service, ATT Broadband sent a crew to the cable box located in front of my home on a SUNDAY and replace a major component. It took 3-years and the termination of my service to get action. Since I joined Dish Network, Nearly a 1/3 of my subdivision has joined the Dish Network.

A combined Dish/Direct service is good competition that will have the funding and cashflow to offer alternatives to Cable TV.

Please let the merger proceed and let market forces decide the outcome.

Chris Cartwright  
Home Owner

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Standard From Letter Below

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I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like me, including more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

By merging, the combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable television and can offer more programming choices and, most importantly, all local TV channels in every market in the U.S. By providing local TV channels everywhere, this merger will make satellite television a strong alternative to cable in our community. Throughout the country, people will now be able to turn to satellite TV to access their local news, weather and community information, in addition to a comprehensive package of national video programming. But just as exciting, the merger will bring the availability of affordable high-speed Internet service by satellite to over 40 million Americans who don't have high-speed Internet access. These tremendous benefits to consumers won't happen without the merger. Satellite-delivered Internet service will bring an affordable and competitive alternative to cable modems and DSL to consumers in big cities, small towns and rural areas alike. This will give me a competitive choice for Internet access and will be especially advantageous to rural communities where cable modems and DSL are not likely to be available anytime in the near future.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

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Furthemore, the only viable competition to a very poorly performing cable industry is the combined Direct TV and Dish Network option. Prior to the Dish Network option, my family was STUCK with weekly cable outages and CUSTOMER NO-SERVICE. Upon termination of my cable service, ATT Broadband sent a crew to the cable box located in front of my home and replace a major component. It took 3-years and the termination of my service to get action. A combined Dish Direct service is a good competition that will have the funding and cashflow to offer alternatives to Cable TV.

Please let the merger proceed and let market forces decide the outcome.

Sincerely,

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