

I am a subscriber to DISH Satellite service, because in our rural area this was the only way I could obtain a quality TV picture with decent sound. Our local cable service keeps raising their prices without any improvement in quality or service, and the only other way to obtain local channels was by over-the-air translators which have not been upgraded or maintained for over 10 years. I was able to obtain more than triple the number of channels with DISH, and with a huge improvement in quality, for 20% lower cost.

I favor the proposed merger between DISH and Direct TV, because I feel that this will enable these companies to provide better service, selection and value, and to be competitive with the cable companies--who in most cases already have a MONOPOLY, and care very little about improving quality, service, or cost. I think that allowing this merger would not constitute allowing a monopoly, but instead would allow satellite providers to directly compete with cable, and the consumers would be the winners.