

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Dear Representative Taylor,

I wholeheartedly support a merger between DISH Network and DIRECTTV. The primary benefits for me (living in the rural woods) would be access to local broadcast channels and high speed internet service. Currently, I don't expect to be able to see the final weekend of the Masters and I already missed the NCAA Basketball final as it is impossible to get a clear signal on CBS. Somehow I seem to feel that I have been punished since I retired and moved from New Orleans to Picayune 2 1/2 years ago. I spent \$100.00 (from my fixed income) in anticipation of receiving the local channels over a year ago and was extremely disappointed, not to mention exceptionally angry, when I found out that that was not to be. If, in the event that the merger is nor forthcoming, I would request a waiver from the denial issued to me from ALL the local network affiliates.

It is folish for the networks to assume that because one lives within a certain arbitrary mileage that the TV signal will be clear. All you have to do is ask any of us living 'in the woods' and find out the multitudes that are denied the privilege, no, the right to be able to view all the channels that people living in the large metro areas are able to. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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