

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

After YEARS of being a cable TV subscriber in rural Ohio, I found the alternative of Dish Network and switched immediately. It was then that I discovered what VALUE, QUALITY and SERVICE meant. I have MORE PROGRAMMING CHOICES, BETTER PICTURE, DIGITAL SOUND and worthwhile, effective support. My cable company was ****NOT EVEN CLOSE**** in giving me ANY of those services.. they only recently starting offering digital anything...and at a higher rate then I am paying. Certainly you see no sense in punishing Dish Network for being effective in the market. The cable companies have failed us. You should not make the same mistake. This is a issue close enough to my heart that I will remember your stance on the issue when I go to my polling place. Get it? The merger needs to be permitted to occur. Period.

Sincerely,

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