

I hope you will take a good look at the pending merger between Echostar and DirectTV. I feel that is in the interest of the public. I especially feel that it will benefit rural areas (as well and possibly more than the metro areas). This will allow the satellite business to compete on a more level playing field. It should allow Charlie Egen to put more pressure on the various programmers to give the lowest cost service to his company. In turn, it could even allow the cable systems to possibly achieve a lower cost too. Charlie Egen has always been known to be a 'no fills type' of person who tries to keep his services at the lowest possible cost that he can. His philosophy has always been to keep it simple but have a quality product. Please listen with an open mind.