

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am a current satellite subscriber (DISH TV). Although I don't like seeing options narrowed to one (Direct vs Dish), I also see the upside of the merger. Cable vs. Dish is an option, and with the addition of the local channels, that would be HUGE! That is the ONLY thing cable has over satellite at this time. Cable is pretty much a one-town option. Satellite is the competition for cable, and the more features you are able to add, the better. That helps keep pricing at competitive levels, versus cable pretty much having the run of the boards.

Competition is always good. And with this merger, it sounds like this will level the playing field.

The same holds true for highspeed internet connections.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

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