

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I've recently moved to a new development in a suburban area of Northern New Jersey. Some 300+ homes were built in various phases, it was not until more than one year passed from the time the first homeowners moved in, that the local cable provider offered service, despite the fact that the streets were prewired. Most homeowners move to satellite.

Lately, as most of the 300 homes subscribe to satellite (Dish or Direct), the cable provider has been pushing a door-to-door campaign to entice subscribers to switch.

The sales practices I have witnessed (first hand) were definately questionable (enticing promises and statements indicated the satellite could not provided services that they currently did).

All in all, I have been very unhappy with the state of cable service in the country (I've moved around a bit) and believe this merger will provided the serious competition that the cable industry needs, while providing service to the remote areas that have no other options for local channels (I have family in Arizona in this situation).

Please support this merger.

Sincerely,

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