

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing as a rural satellite customer who does not have access to cable, therefore am unable to get local stations.

We live on the Cumberland Plateau, between Crossville and Pikeville, TN. We are approximately 90 miles from Knoxville, 60 miles from Chattanooga, and 120 miles from Nashville. We are unable to received any of these stations without going to the expense of installing a large antenna, and then the broadcast is questionable because of our location, and being surrounded by large trees.

We have no access to developing weather condition bulletins on tv, and the only local news we have access to is the 5 minutes of news (including commercials) which is broadcast once an hour on the radio.

I am in strong support of the merger.

Sincerely,

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