

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a rural professional in a small town. It makes no sense to me that in order to get the major networks that I have to go out of state. This does not help local markets of Columbia, St Louis, and Kansas City and therefore does not help the Missouri economy, as my choices are limited or put another way I am not informed of more local choices and or events.

Until recently I had an antenna only and in order to get a fuzzy signal most of the time, (and usually at the most inopportune time in a program no signal), and this was with the most expensive antenna I could buy and with a power booster on the antenna to pull the signal in better.

Better internet service is also very attractive to the rural environment.

It makes sense to open competition between the satellite and cable companies. We rural Americans have been overlooked far to long.

I hope you will support the merger of Dish Network and Direct TV and allow competition to thrive and better alternatives to those of us that live away from the urban centers.