

I am a subscriber of both Dish Network (Echostar) and DirectTV (Hughes). I am against the merger of the satellite assets of these two companies. For the following reasons:

1. No entity should be permitted to hold all licenses to all DBS frequencies located on the CONUS slots (101, 110, and 119 degrees West Longitude) and the majority of the frequencies at the Non-CONUS slots (61.5 and 148 degrees West Longitude).

2. With two DBS service providers consumers have a choice between whom they wish to do business with and allows the consumer to price compare services and equipment. Having subscriptions with both providers has allowed be to have greater flexibility in the packages I wish to purchase than the choice I would have with just a single provider.

3. Dish Network has a record of not following FCC rules and regulations.

A. Dish Network was fined in the past by the FCC for not carrying enough Public Interest channels (File No. EB-00-IH-0014).

B. Dish Network is currently not treating must carry local broadcast channels fairly by putting higher rated locals on the CONUS slots and placing what Dish Network has called in press releases as "obscure channels" on the Non-CONUS slots and placing 1 markets additional locals (Philadelphia) on the Telstar 7 satellite requiring local subscribers to ask for and have installed additional equipment before receiving their additional locals.

If the FCC sees fit to allow these companies to combine their satellite assets I ask that the FCC at least make a condition that the new combined company must give up it's licenses at the 61.5 and 148 degree West Longitude locations and either give those licenses to another license holder (Dominion has 8 licenses and RL/DBS has 11 at 61.5) or auction off the licenses to another entity.