

I agree with all of the statement below. I live in Mesquite, Nevada. Local cable Rio Virgin Cable is able to provide Network programing from Salt Lake City, Utah as well as Las Vegas Nevada. As a DirectTV subscriber I am unable to receive any area Network programing via Satellite. I did receive waivers from Las Vegas as I live in the Las Vegas coverage area and at this time receive LA and NY. If the merger is approved rural areas can receive local network programing via spot beams. A dual satellite system will be reduced to one for both DirectV and Dish. This will provide more programing for all satellite subscribers.

Thanks for your time.

Rulon Guymon

'I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like me, including more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

By merging, the combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable television and can offer more programming choices and, most importantly, all local TV channels in every market in the U.S. By providing local TV channels everywhere, this merger will make satellite television a strong alternative to cable in our community. Throughout the country, people will now be able to turn to satellite TV to access their local news, weather and community information, in addition to a comprehensive package of national video programming. But just as exciting, the merger will bring the availability of affordable high-speed Internet service by satellite to over 40 million Americans who don't have high-speed Internet access. These tremendous benefits to consumers won't happen without the merger. Satellite-delivered Internet service will bring an affordable and competitive alternative to cable modems and DSL to consumers in big cities, small towns and rural areas alike.