

This proposed merger may or may not benefit me. What I want is the freedom to order only those stations that I want to receive. Program packages give me way too much that I do not want and also allow programmers and delivery systems to totally ignore individual consumer programming preferences. If this merger gives satellite the power to tell Disney, CBS, and other programming producers that we are not going to bundle all your channels and foist them on the public en masse then the merger is a good thing. If it results in no more programming being available a la carte it will do me no good. For example, I do not want to order the whole of the NBA League Pass or all of those stations that the NBA will be putting games on starting next year. I only want to see Dallas Mavericks games. If I lived in the Dallas area that would be no problem, but I am not, so only Bucks games are regularly available on the local Fox sports station and nationally the LA Lakers are regularly forced on the public. In short, I want to see the games I want to see and not the games that local or national programming packages are offering to their beloved 'mass audience'. The current no choice system is a mass rip off and that is what the FCC, the Justice Department, and Congress should be looking to rectify.