

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I've been a subscriber to Dish Network for four years, and have been pleased with the variety of channels, quality of service, and pricing offered. My only regret has been the absence of sport channels offered by Direct TV. I have had to subscribe to cable TV (which has not been a good experience in the areas of service or pricing) in order to obtain local channels. I see the proposed merger as an opportunity to obtain these areas of service from a provider which has been very positive in its relationship with me as a customer.

Although some may feel concern about the merger reducing competition, I would rather trust Dish Network to continue its approach to service than have to continue with cable. In almost every city, cable has no competition, other than satellite TV, so I see no significant difference in the nature of competition, should the merger occur.

I strongly support this merger proposal.

Sincerely,

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