

I am writing to voice my opinion in favor of the DirectTV-Echostar merger. Their plan to carry all of the local TV markets will encourage greater competition with cable in markets that are currently only available with cable. Also, the capacity for more national channels will also be a benefit. Finally, for those of us to those of us who live in rural areas there is no current low-cost choice for broadband internet, a satellite solution is the only solution. With the combined resources of the two companies, I believe that it will finally be able to be made affordable.