

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Dear sirs, if this merger does pass, I am quite concerned that once these company's combine, that it will go the route of many such mergers, i.e. costs increase, service will suffer and there will be no competition other than cable, which itself has merged and made many hollow promises to its customers. Therefore, I cannot but be very leary of such a merger as prices of service will no doubt go up as there will not be any other satellite companies around that would provide for healthy competition to keep prices in check.

Sincerely,

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