

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am completely adverse to this proposed merger for several reasons, the most pertinent of which is that it eliminates competition in the small dish satellite broadcast system. I believe this will be bad for both sides of the marketplace, but in particular for the consumer. Just as the United States Supreme Court acted to break the monopoly held by the Bell System to insure lower rates and improved services, I believe the government needs to act to prevent such a monopoly from developing in the broadcast media. I believe that such a monopoly will only lead to higher prices and less choices for the consumer. I, like many others in rural America, live on a limited (low) income and do not receive regular commercial television broadcasts. I depend on satellite service for both information and entertainment, but if the cost for that service were to increase by much I would probably have to give it up. A second reason is that, having already done business with Direct TV and been dissatisfied with their over-billing policy, I do not wish to do business with them again. Whether you or anyone else agrees with my decision, I believe I should have that choice.

Sincerely,

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