

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am a resident of a small rural community in North Dakota. Over the last seven years of residence in Ellendale ND I have been a constant cable subscriber and only for the last year a subscriber to satellite based programming via Dish Network. I am writing to let you know that I am in full support of the merger between DirectTV and Dish Network. Without access to the satellite service reception of television programming is poor at best via our present local cable provider. There are more days than not when the reception is fuzzy and unwatchable than when it is good. I have personally complained to the company CSI, Jamestown, ND and to our local government representatives to no resolution. Satellite service via Dish Network provides me and my family a larger variety of programming and does so easily and affordably. I am writing to persuade you to help in any way possible to complete this merger. Benefits after this merger may mean to me more access to local television channels and broadband internet access. These are important issues and if we truly feel that we do not want to leave any child behind then don't handicap my children because they live in the heartland when it comes to equitable access to the internet.

Please support this merger

Thank you
Jeff Fastnacht
Ellendale ND

Sincerely,

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