

Please do NOT approve the merger being considered, the current situation is providing enough innovation and benefits increase because of the competition. Allowing one company to decide removes all competition and alternative choices for consumers. I am especially concerned about TiVO users, as with the merger, all customers will be given a digital recorder that Echostar prefers. Although customers may be able to buy a TiVO, the company and others like it will be destroyed by the power of the monopoly one owner of the satellite company.

Furthermore, the policies of "required professional installation" for any upgrades to systems with Echostar getting a discount will cause adverse affect on current subscribers that will need to upgrade to new hardware. It's in the fine print the hardware may be free but the installation will cost more for existing customers that have more than the very basic system.

The current system is working well, we have competition and innovation. As a mechanic with experience working on various machines I can repeat a rule we all learn to follow " DO NOT try to FIX something that IS NOT broken, you will only make it worse.

fix something that is already working