

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I support the merger as Dishnetwork provides great service and quality. The only complaint I have is that with all the regulations and changes required, I have fallen through the cracks in regard to local channel requirements.

I had the east/west feed as I CANNOT and still CANNOT get local channels with an antenna. So I had the east/west feeds from the time DishNetwork started in Portland before 1999. This made me Grandfather'd and did not require me to lose my east/west feed. But I was still disconnected and forced now to pay for local channels. I tried to get the waivers to get back my east/west feed but the local channels did not have anyone set up to handle this and those that I was told to handle this never returned any calls or did not know what to do.

If I am to pay for channels for the major channels, I would rather pay for the east/west channels instead of paying for local channels which I should get for free but cannot as I have to buy them from Dishnetwork. So therefore I should be able to pay for east/west network as I had and also already GRANDFATHER'D to be able to keep but no one will let me keep them anyways.

Something needs to be done as part of this merger to allow them not to be so dead set to please at the expense of those Grandfathered to keep them and still do not however.

Sincerely,

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