

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Merger between Dish Network and Direct TV:

On December 11th of 2001 my family and I suffered a house fire and lost our home. At that time I put my Dish network account on hold for \$5 per month. Before the fire I had the major networks out of New York City. After a 4 month period our home was rebuilt and I went to activate my Dish network account. I was told that since I down graded my account I lost my rights to the major networks. I find it very sad that due to a circumstance beyond my control that I have to give up a service that I had before my family's loss. When I reactivated the account, the Dishnetwork customer service person did resubmit my name to the networks for possible addition to service.

Currently we were able to receive CBS with our Dish network receiver, but after several attempts with different types of antennas I have not been successful at receiving an acceptable picture from the local ABC, NBC, or FOX networks. If I understand the current merger this will give me back my major network station (local network station)

So If I am able to get the major network back with my dish receiver I support the merger of Dish Network and DirectTV. I hope that the FCC and my elected officials will too.

Sincerely,

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