

I am currently NOT a satellite television subscriber but like the additional offerings, the prices, and the better quality of broadcasts that they offer. Currently though I cannot subscribe to satellite television as I would still need to subscribe to basic cable to get the local news channels and weather at the additional \$13.95 a month.

The proposed merger of DirecTV and Dish Network would expand the coverage of local networks and enhance the services that they offer. I would be able to increase my viewing opportunities, get a clearer picture, and get better service for about the same monthly access fee that I currently pay with cable.

In the long run it will also foster increased competition with the almost monopolistic cable companies. Most rural or small town cable subscribers have no choice of their cable provider and thus the service and quality of their product is very poor. By giving consumers an additional, viable alternative it will force traditional cable companies to improve their service and provide a better product.

I urge you to please support the merger of DirecTV and Dish Network.

Thank you.