

Please approve the Echostar/DirectTV Merger. A merged company is the only way that rural Americans will EVER have access to network television via satellite, unless the FCC decided to change the rules now governing the distribution of signals into rural communities that are not "white areas".

The NRTC filings in my opinion are self-serving as this group does NOT have the best interest of rural viewers in mind. It seeks to maintain what is in effect its own captive market for DirectTV signals. Ideally, NRTC would have to compete with new Echostar for customers as BOTH should be able to sell DirectTV in rural areas.

Thank you.