

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I would support this merger of Dish Network and DirectTV, if the local programming can be included. As an American, I live in a area that does not have access to cable. The land around me is higher, with many large trees. I can not recieve ABC, CBS, PBS or Fox. I can recieve NBC (limited viewing in early mornings and late evenings) by way of an antenna, but it is out of Orlando, Florida. My servicing area is supposed to be Jacksonville, Florida. Jacksonville area stations say this is not possible and will not give me a waiver for my local stations. So for the past 13 years I have been waiting for local programming. I am tired of having to go out to get local news and updates.

If this merger will help people as myself, then I will stand behind it fully. Please help ALL AMERICANS get what the pencil pushers say we can get.

Sincerely,

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