

I became a subscriber to DISH Network one year ago this month. The main reason was the 4-6 percent increases over the past few years without much additional service from our cable company. They do not add much nor provide good service due to the lack of competition.

The merger of Direct-TV and DISH will provide me with my local channels now only available off air or through cable. My fringe area makes off air reception questionable and I definitely will not go back to cable. I am currently receiving networks from New York. The closest I can get networks is Cincinnati, OH.

I believe the merger and Echostars ability to provide local channels in all markets will definitely enhance my choices for service. As of now my only choice is off air or cable neither of which is economically feasible nor desirable.

Please approve this merger as soon as possible.