

I am excited about the pending merger of EchoStar (DishNet) and Hughes (DirectTV). There are many areas here in Texas that can't receive DSL Internet because of their location, and DirectTV DSL isn't available in all areas yet. With this merger, rural area communities will be able to enjoy this very needed service.

As far as the price for Digital TV and other services, this merger will cut down costs for Satellite since the two companies will be combined, and Cable costs will drop providing customer-profiting competition between the two entities.

I hope you and all your colleagues on Capital Hill understand that this is good for our country. The more we can cut down on expenses and high prices, the better our economy will be. With the two companies merged, there will be less money spent on excess equipment, infrastructures, and other liabilities that the two companies duplicate individually.

Thank you for your time and to you the best of luck.