

Although there is no doubt in my mind that the merger will benefit Echostar and its subscribers, as a Directv subscriber, I have grave concerns over the lack of competition caused by this merger. If this happens, I will have little in the way of recourse if Echostar chooses to raise their prices, reduce the number of channels and/or change programming.

I left my cable company because of poor service. Should Echostar fail to maintain the service for which I am accustomed, my only alternative is to go back to my cable company. Great choice - poor service or high prices/changed programming.

I appreciate your close attention to this merger to ensure competition exists to keep prices competitive and programming robust.