

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

For decades we consumers have been subject to the wims and falacies of the cable companies. When the techknowlegy was new the areas of service were limited. They had to literally tear up the streets in your area and lay cable, in order to provide service. The service they provided wasn,t always reliable, and users would keep an antenna installed for back-up. The development of new techknowlegy has provided us with more options to the cable delema. You have been made aware of the benefits the pending merger will provide for all users across the country. More and better services can be provided to rural and market users alike, at rates that will compete with cable. This merger is not a monopoly against the users, but rather a joining of providers, that will be able to compete with the cable companies. If anything has had a monopoly hold on the consumer for years, its been the cable industry. Please approve this merger and provide us a way to get out of the cable syndrome.

Sincerely,

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