

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am a DISH subscriber from rural eastern Oregon. I think the DISH/DirectTV merger is necessary, not necessarily for the TV viewing but for the rural broadband development. Every home in America should have highspeed internet access.

My only concern would be fairpricing structure, if those issues are confronted, this merger is a great idea. The two companies now waste spectrum bandwidth on duplicate service delivery, with the combination of the two entities that spectrum could be used for broadband, sat-phone, or sat radio.

As it stands, I can't get even get a decent AM radio station in the car and FM, forget it. No decent cell access, no local TV, DSL is limited to 25k feet from the office, etc. etc.

Those of us in mountain and canyon country deserve to have the same services available to the rest of the country. Don't let special interest groups, network broadcasters, or anyone else with only profit motive concerns torpedo this merger.

Sincerely,

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