

As a longtime customer of Dish Network, I'm hopeful the proposed merger with DirectTV will go forward for a number of reasons.

1) I believe the combined companies will be able to negotiate more programming at less cost.

2) I'm hopeful the strength and satellite capabilities of both companies will lower the cost of high-speed internet broadband for those of us who live in rural areas not serviced by DSL or cable modem service.

Please allow this merger to go forward.