

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I live in a rural area and am served by Dish Network Satellite. I am supposedly in the Spokane, Wa broadcast area but it is impossible to receive the Spokane network broadcasts since the terrain here is extremely mountainous and I live 90 miles away. We are served by a repeater station that is not very reliable and is financially strapped. The likelihood of it going off the area is very good. Without accessibility to local broadcast I must pay for network programming separately. I cannot get the Seattle, Wa feed, which would be secondarily appropriate for my area, but must settle for feed out of Los Angeles, which is useless for my purposes. I cannot receive local news, sports, or emergency information because of limitations on what I can receive on my satellite. It is my understanding that with the merger of Dish Network and Direct TV I would be able to get my local network feed.

Please recommend approval of this merger in order that I may have full programming and not have to subscribe to a separate service.

Sincerely,

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