

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a current satellite/cable subscriber, I want to lend my voice to this merger and any other opportunity to provide me with greater choice in services. I currently subscribe to both satellite and cable so I can get premium quality service (satellite) and local channels. AT&T Cable service in my area are so horrendous that the city of Jacksonville is in litigation over their lack of service. I hate to pay for the service but external antennas are more difficult to deal with. Secondly, I want to add my voice to allow me to choose which 'local' channels I want to watch. Due to changes in the services provided by local TV stations, certain networks (ie, UPN) will become almost non-existent. I would like the option to choose the local stations I want to view as in the Orlando locals. I don't understand why it is possible to get a newspaper from any city in the U.S. but our satellite provider is forbidden to allow us to watch any local channels we want. There are many subscribers who would jump at the opportunity to view the local channels from their hometown areas and thus maintaining that sense of home and history. I implore you to consider providing the option for satellite subscribers to have the option to decide on which local channels they wish to see. It is a service and should be available as any other service. Please provide the means to stop the end consumer from being held hostage by monopolistic cable companies and local TV station consortiums.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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