

I am very concerned about the elimination of competition with the merger of the Dish Network and Directv. Currently these are the only providers of satellite television. While they talk about increased channels and improved services it is not enough compared to losing competition. I currently have over a hundred channels ( how many do you really need )of which I probably only use is 20. So what if they increase choices by 10 more channels. I pay for channels that I will never use and they want to offer me more. It will not benefit me if they are ones that are not of interest to me.

When we have one company what choice will I have in the selection of channels? They will provide a package for which I will pay what they want whether or not I will use the channels. They will tell us about how wonderful it is that we have so many channels and it only costs this much. So, when they increase the channels from 100 to 120 I suppose I will pay 20% more and I have no need for the new channels.

I would like to know how I can get what I want if there is only one company-just like in most places there is only one cable provider. Again, no choice of cable services. I changed from cable to satellite for this very reason. The current situation is very good because you have three providers ( including cable ) and if you get upset you have a good selection. I can evaluate the services and make the appropriate changes.

I have found out that with one cable provider they are not very receptive to input or requesting changes. It will happen to the one satellite company much the same way.

I feel that the strength of this country is in competition and that gets you the best in service and prices. On the internet I am able to check out numerous companies to get the product I want for the best price. If I wanted a Digital camera and it was sold from only one place -do you think I would get it for a good price? I will have to pay whatever they want or do without it. In the case of satellite and cable I might just choose- without it.

I hope you carefully review, consider the consumer and deny the application to eliminate competition in satellite broadcasting.

Thank-you for reviewing my concerns.

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