

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I was a Direct TV subscriber for over 5 years in the Killeen and Houston Texas area. I switched to the Dish Network because they were having a special and my Direct TV receiver had stop working. I regret switching to the Dish Network. Because they are obviously biased to the Latino consumer and do not consider the needs of the African American consumer. Dish has 20 Latino stations (at no extra cost). But, when I called several times to request the Word Network and 24-hour Gospel music station that I had with Direct TV, I was given several different and conflicting reasons by supervisors at Dish as to why I could not get these stations.

Dish and Direct TV also offer four womens stations (WE, Oxygen, Lifetime and Lifetime Network). They also offer more than one Country music station and regular TV station, i.e. TNN. The only station for African Americans included in a Dish package, without paying an extra fee, is BET. However, BET mostly caters to the younger generation that enjoy Rap music. The only other African American station, is Black Starz, which mostly shows movies and you have to order the entire Starz package at an additional cost.

I am a Christian woman that enjoyed the Word Network and miss cleaning my house while listening to the 24-hour Gospel music station. If this merger does take place, hopefully it will maintain the present Direct TV showcase and show some consideration for the African American consumer and add the Gospel music station and the Word Network.

Sincerely,

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