

Please consider allowing the Echostar-DirectTV merger to pass. This merger would allow myself and many others, the opportunity to choose between satellite and cable services, and would put them on a level playing field in regards to local channels and broadband service. Currently I am forced to get my locals from the only cable company available to me, and as part of their 'basic package:', am forced to recieve, and pay for, 10 other duplicate channels that I already recieve via satellite.

This merger would greatly increase the competition in the TV industry, and would force cable operators to reconsider their poor service and constant price gauging.

Thank you for your time