

I am for the merger because I think the combined efforts of the two companies would in the long run be better for me the consumer.

I left Dish Network because they didn't have the NFL package that Direct TV offers and I wanted high-speed Internet access. I find it unfair as a consumer not to have identical choices from both companies (Dish & Direct TV). If Dish had the NFL package I would have never left them. I subscribed to Time Warner Cable about mid last year and just found out that my rates are going up for the second time since I started with them. While I was with Dish for over 2 years, my rates did not go up once.

I don't consider this a monopoly because cable providers provide the same service that Dish or Direct TV offer, the only difference is the way in which they bring their service to the consumer, one is by Land Line and the other wirelessly. The govt. should not consider cable and satellite two different categories just because of the way they bring the service to me. Look at telephone companies they provide two services, one by land line and one wirelessly, telephone service is telephone service, we don't look at them as two different categories.

In addition I would like to mention that I find it a wonderful effort by Dish Network to agree to keep all satellite rates the same countrywide. In the Tampa Bay area alone stores like Wal-Mart have different pricing on items from one store to the next. I think Dish Network is making a fair effort to make this a valuable merger for everyone.

Thank you!