

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing this letter in support of the Dish and DirectTV satellite systems merger.

As a consumer of telecommunications services, information and entertainment, I can say that my services since enrolling in the present contract with Dish Network, have increased greatly. For example, my previous cable company provided similar, but diminished services, and the costs were far greater: for \$33 per month of costs, I procured about 30 channels of available choices and watched, perhaps, 20% of these offerings. Also, I was required to have a control or remote box that I paid \$1.50 extra per month for pay-per-view services; I received no premium channels with this basic service and as I later found out, these services were far inferior to the present Dish Network system that I presently enjoy. Dish provides 150 channels and I'm receiving half a dozen premium channels for about \$21 per month! My service quality has increased exponentially. Whereas I had almost no service support after 5:00 p.m. with the previous cable provider, and it would take several minutes to procure service support over the phone -- with Dish Network, I have fulltime support either over the phone or over my satellite network. With the merger, I understand that I would also be able to receive local channels with my package: THIS IS TRULY AN OUTSTANDING POLICY AND SERVICE! In summary, this merger seems to have all the benefits I expect from a competitive telecommunications system and I request your support for this effort.

Sincerely,

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