

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

To: FCC
From: Evan A. Valentine
Re: Echostar Merger with Direct TV

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am a subscriber to the Dishnetwork and have been so for three years. I have been horrified and frustrated to see how long it is taking for Tallahassee to get their local stations on Dishnetwork. Currently I can not receive local stations because they are not carried by Dishnetwork. I look forward to the merger between Dishnetwork and DirectTV because of the promise that local stations will be made available. As you consider this merger petition please keep in mind that there are many citizens who are fed up with the high price and low quality of cable and who want to get local stations on satellite.

Let me add one thing. I can't imagine for the life of me why I can not choose what local stations I want to get. Why does the FCC impose such rules on the information that people can receive. I grew up in California, spent my college years in Utah and now live in Florida. I would like to get local stations from all three states. Limiting my options as to the stations that I can receive I feel is a violation of my right to freedom of speech, and slams directly into the issues that the more information Americans have the better decisions we can make on issues that are important to us.

Please take the time to explain to me and to many other like me why you would limit this.

Sincerely,

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