

I am opposed to the merger of Echostar with DirectTV. As an independant retailer of satellite systems, I would be just as affected by a monopoly situtation as the rural customers will be. Even if the programming costs stay comparable to cable, the upkeep costs for the rural customers will certainly rise. What happens to a rural customer who has a billing issue with this new monopoly? There would be no reason for this new company to worry about the satisfaction of rural customers.