

I live in an area where I can't receive Television without a provider. I have been a subscriber to Dishnetwork for 4 years and if it was not for their service would be in the hands of a monopoly cable company. How a Television signal gets to my house is not the substance of the Dish/Direct merger. It's the deliverer of the signal that counts. Thousands of rural residents have no choice, this merger will allow them to select the deliverer who is prepared to invest in a system to answer their needs. Cable companies have and still do have a stranglehold on the delivery of television to our homes, the advances made by them in the past 20 years are next to none. Dishnetwork have given me more choice of programs at a far lower cost than cable. My Dish bill today is less than my Cable company bill was 4 years ago and I get 400% more programming. The delivery of all local stations by Dish across the entire nation will improve our lives greatly.

The customer service from Cable was 8am to 5pm M-F with Dish it is 24 hours a day 7 days a week. I feel that this merger is just 'leveling the playing field', the television delivery playing field. You are the referees, please give all players the same chance.