

I am writing in complete support of the Echostar DirectTV merger.

I feel the cable companies have an unfair competitive advantage over the satellite providers. They charge more, yet provide less service and broadcast choices.

My local channels are not yet provided over satellite and my off the air antenna barely pulls in the locals.

Completing this merger will provide real competition and satellite and cable subscribers will all benefit from this competition. Satellite subscribers will get local stations in the high quality they have come to expect, while cable subscribers will get lower prices and better service.

Broadband internet at a reasonable price would be nice as well!

Please do the right thing and approve this merger.

Sincerely,

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