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From: Brian Tapley <hillj@datatek.com>
To: A4.A4 (SSEGAL)
Date: 8/13/98 11:29pm
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Brian Tapley (hillj@datatek.com) writes:

My name is Brian Tapley and I live in Nashville, TN. For the last 5 years, I have received programming from Direct TV, including their network programming. As of 8/13/98, my service from them, in regards to the network programming, was terminated. When I inquired why this happened, I was informed that the FCC had brought a truck around my neighborhood, and determined I was capable of receiving local network programming with my antennae. Therefore, Direct TV was informed that I was to be disconnected. Now weather or not I can receive anything from my antennae, is not even the case here. If I am willing to pay for a service, I should be able to receive it. Direct TV offers not only one of my local stations, but I had two sets of each affiliate. One East coast, and One West coast. I shouldn't have to explain the convenience of that. If I'm not home in time for something...wait a couple hours and it's on again. Or God forbid I have the ability to watch two shows, whic!

h I might enjoy, in the same time block but on different networks. I think you get the idea. (Yes - I have heard of a VCR, but up till now, I didn't HAVE to use it for anything but watching movies) So what gives? I completely understand you protecting certain people, or companies. But why does it have to come in such a manner? No body is forcing Direct TV customers to buy this service. I know I do it, because I want to. Actually, I know I "DID" it because I wanted to. So I don't see a public need for the attention and policing the FCC has given this issue. I work for a major performing rights organization, so I believe I know why local TV stations find this issue important. But I am more concerned about what people want, and what I want, then what a local television station wants. Why does the FCC feel the need to tell 20,000 homes (or however many) per city, "We see that all of you, making an adult, conscious decision, would rather watch network television from ! around the country then your local affiliates. But we don't think tha

t is such a good idea...so we are going to take it away from you." Could you please shed some light on why this has occurred? Or at the very least, point me in a direction so that I can find out for myself, why paying for a simple service is such a matter of national security. Thank you for your time...

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DM-9330

From: Darrell Boldt <drb22760@haaga.com>
 To: A4.A4 (SSEGAL)
 Date: 8/14/98 3:02pm
 Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Darrell Boldt (drb22760@haaga.com) writes:

Dear Chairman Kennard,
 I'm cocern about complaints on Echostar 4
 Now we know if it was going to work up to full capacity Echostar would use at
 119 slot, but since its at the 148 slot.
 Even though I don't live in those States I would like them get programming.
 But you don't see see
 any other DBS service trying to provide service. Dish is at least.

On local broadcast. over DBS I for one live in a condo
 and can't put up just any antenna. But I can a 18 dish.
 I use a Waldo ant. for local channels picture
 okay but could be better. Its far better then cable because I don't lose the
 picture all the time its has snow funny lines
 but the sound is great. I want to beable to recieve at least what I can with
 DBS
 it doesn't I don't receive them all. Even if had cable they don't carry all my
 local channels.
 They carry channels 2,4,5,7,9,11,13,14, and 30 there still others
 26,36,38,48,58,66 that cable doesn't carry. even with the ant. i'm using I
 don't get them all very clear
 but i want the main ones CBS,ABC,FOX,NBC and a PBS thats all I really need.
 These cahnnels are hear in SLC, Ut. TCI is the cable company
 which I never hook up to again. I would do with my local channels.
 Please consider what the public whats not the cable companies. We what local
 as many as possible
 and when technolgy is better all the locals this will in time look at so far.
 This kind of long and hard to read over I hope you my point. Please do what
 the people want.

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