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From: "KENNETH W. SMITH 69-50131, FAX 69-50734"  
<KENNETH.W.SMITH@usa.dupont.com>  
To: A4.A4 (PSD)  
Date: 7/23/98 11:47am  
Subject: Sattelite TV Service Problem

I have had my local channel and PBS service shut off by DishNetwork, my sattelite TV provider. They say this is due to a new FCC directive, where the billing postal zip code must be qualified.

Since I live on a boat, the billing zip code has nothing to do with the availability of cable of TV signal. Sattelite is the only feasible way to get this service.

I need to have authorization from FCC to get service, says DishNetwork. How can I get this authorization?

If you can contact DishNetwork directly... my billing is under telephone number 305 451 6479 (a Florida number). My billing address is at a business in Wilmington DE, zip code 19805. My boat is in varied locations on the east coast of the US.

Kenneth W. Smith  
Mobile phone 302 540-1808

PS. I think the policy of providing cable companies a monopoly of service for local channel coverage is outrageous and un-American. You should repeal this element of regulation. There should be open (and level-field) competition between cable and sattelite services.

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**From:** "Dennis S. Costanza" <COSTAND1@AXEAN.COM>  
**To:** A4.A4 (FCCINFO)  
**Date:** 7/23/98 12:40pm  
**Subject:** Receiving Local TV Feeds From San Francisco, CA. In Pittsburg, CA.

I live in Pittsburg California and subscribe to The Dish Network Satelite System. Currently I can not receive any local San Francisco feeds from FOX, NBC, CBS or ABC. My conventional antenna does not work due to the terrain of the land, between San Fancisco and my home multiple elevated terrains exist ranging from the Oakland/Berkeley hills to Mt. Diablo which prevent the signal from reaching my home. I really miss watching local news. Please consider allowing The Dish Network to provide local service to my home via their system. It would really be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dennis S. Costanza

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**From:** Karen Semencar <kss@mail.usachoice.net>  
**To:** A4.A4 (FCCINFO)  
**Date:** 7/23/98 2:12pm  
**Subject:** DISH NETWORK

Why is it they can change networks after we purchase all the equipment and the customer has no choice but take the east coast they have changed giving all three, NBC, ABC and CBS out of New York? The rest of us now have no coverage in our area and have sunk money into their sytem? They do not even consider the customer. Check their site out. Other people have noticed.

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From: "Patricia C. Hudgens" <christmas@multipro.com>  
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO), FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("wkrntv@edge.ercnet...  
Date: 7/23/98 3:10pm  
Subject: Please read this situation could threaten our family's lives

To Whom may choose to read:

We, Derald and Patricia Hudgens live in rural Jackson County, TN Flynn's Lick near Gainesboro: Derald and Patricia Hudgens  
783 Hopkins Hollow Road  
Gainesboro, TN 38562-5724  
931-268-4324

This year we have had more severe storms and tornados than before. Our reception of Nashville weather reports are not available by even tower and outside antenna-amplifier, cable is not available at all, so we purchased the DISH Network who promised WKRN 2 Nashville immediately and 4 & 5 at a future date. Ch2 was sufficient and very helpful for approximately three(03) months Chs 4 & 5 are not necessary but would be nice. Apparently DISH decided to leave Prime Time 24 last week so without notification ch 2 WKRN Nashville TV was switched to WABC New York and so with today's storms we had no notification.

We pay extra for Channel 2 WKRN but now of course DISH states we are paying for a network not for the local channel. An EchoStar dealer says that since some FCC ruling recently he has seen individual accounts with local programming changed and it seems they are doing this selectively. They also have a bit on their web site now stating this service is available but requiring an additional antenna and discussion of fee that I still do not understand, we are paying the fee now without the local service.

When we first applied for this "local service" we were ask for our "zip code-38562" and if cable was available and if we had subscribed to cable in the past 90 days.

We were not advised this would cease or change in the near future.

We have had communication with our local station WKRN Michelle Dube' today and she advised they have had a lot of calls but that it was not a ABC decision as DISH had advised but a DISH decision.

Please advise if we have any rights at all in this issue.

Patricia and Derald Hudgens

CC: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("jjduncan@mail huose.gov")

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From: "vicki chandler" <rvchandler@earthlink.net>  
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)  
Date: 7/23/98 2:43pm  
Subject: NO MORE LOCAL TV

To whom it my concern you have taken my only source of local new and programming away from my satellite Co.I live in a really remote area of WA.state North East of Seattle and the only way to receive is by sat. the cable co. do not come out this far and a Ariel will not receive anything but static, so we got sat. and now you are taken it off the air why can i not have my local station back.My satellite Co. is Dish Net Work and i am Randy Chandler at rvchandler@earthlink.net.  
Please give me some kind of response back  
THANK YOU.

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