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To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)
Date: 7/22/98 6:54pm
Subject: local stations removed from the dish network

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Chairman William Kennard:

"Welcome to the FCC. The mission of this independent government agency is to encourage competition in all communications markets and to protect the public interest." Quoted from your very own web page.

This has not been the case in your forcing Dish Network to remove our one local station KOMO (abc west) from their west coast package. Now there is no ability for the final consumer (and tax payer) to pick it up on any of our local news other than being -----forced----- to subscribe to local cable systems (which do not carry at a competitive rate or with competitive quality of picture), or to use a roof mount antenna which in many cases is against the local governmental building covenants. The antenna way also give a very inferior picture if one can be recieved in the distant areas at all.

"In response to direction from the Congress, the FCC develops and implements policy concerning interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable." again to continue your mission statement. The FCC has, with this last abuse of making policy with out the input from the direct consumers, just eliminated the only direct competition to the only cable alternative in our area.

I spent a great deal of money to get the reception that I desired and chose the carrier that I wanted based on the fact that at least one station in our area would be included with the base package. The price per month (after buying the recieving equipment) was very favorable.

I can only surmise that the FCC was bought off by the cable companies in order to eliminate the satellite transmitting companys from beating them at their own very expensive game.

I do not like seeing the unsightly wires feeding our neighborhood, and the wind in our area has the system down at a great deal of cost to our local residents to restore. FIREMEN COPS LINEMEN ETC. I chose not to partake in the cable when they refused to go underground with the telephone company. They still have raised their rates to an all time high and only carry a few stations of their choosing , where as I have been given allot more choices in specialty programing for fewer dollars.

Competition is not being allowed here. Get the local stations back on the DISH NETWORK where we have had them for two years and then work with the obsolete and unmovable cable companies to come into the 20th century.

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Call me at 360-652-2694 any time to discuss that may help solve this problem.

CC: A7.A7 (WKENNARD)

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Subject: satellite network feeds

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I subscribe to Dish Network and live in rural Idaho. I cannot receive network TV over the air and subscribe to the west coast network package. Recently, the network stations were changed and include only LA stations. Living in the Northwest, I appreciated receiving a Seattle network station (KOMO) and enjoyed the San Francisco station, too. Receiving the three networks from three different cities provided some diversity.

Please change your policy that prevents the Dish Network from offering the stations from Seattle and San Francisco. I would appreciate a reply regarding the reason for this change of policy and will forward this request to my congressional representatives Thank You

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To Whom It May Concern:

Today we lost our Channel 4 news which we received on our DISH Satellite. As we live out in the woods and cannot receive local channels, we got DISH Satellite and we received CHannel 4. Now, we have no way of knowing what is going on. I understand from talking to my sister that there was a riot in Seattle Saturday night, but of course we wouldn't know that because we cannot get any news from there, or any local news of any kind.

I called the DISH network and they told me that the FCC made the decision of broadcasting all West Coast stations from LA. Why would you do that?

Why do you tell the DISH people what they can broadcast? I imagine there are a lot of reasons behind your decision, but why did you stop KOMO from coming on DISH Satellite?

I would really appreciate an answer. And, please, when you do give me an answer, tell it to me in terms I can understand, not a language with terms that are completely unfamiliar to me.

Thank you

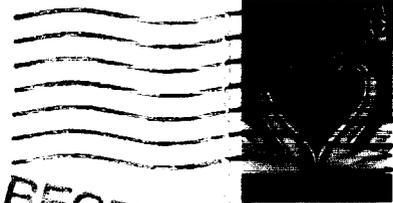
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