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From: Mark Sorensen <accsat@maxinet.com>
To: "William Kennard" <wkennard@fcc.gov>, "Deborah Lat.
Date: 8/6/98 3:08pm
Subject: Satellite TV-Network Channels-White Areas

RM-9335

Dear FCC Commissioner

I have been in the home electronics business my entire life. A satellite TV dealer for the past 8 years. I have long marveled at the various ways federal regulation discourages the use of satellite TV for video delivery. Yet publicly congress, the FCC, and the public complain about Cable TV, and the lack of competition.

The current maze of uncertainty, customer confusion and restrictions against the delivery of network channels via satellite are clearly damaging to the DBS and satellite businesses. Cable TV capitalizes upon, openly advertises, and laughs about the unworkable situation that satellite providers, satellite dealers, and satellite customers must work thru to get network channels delivered via satellite.

At the very least please CLEARLY DEFINE A GRADE B INTENSITY SIGNAL. The current lists of zip codes are ridiculous as they lump together folks who can not get a signal with those who can. Many zip codes are restricted when in fact the customers can not receive a QUALITY signal.

Please do something, anything, to assist in making the situation workable, technically feasible, and economically viable for the consumer, and simple for the consumer.

Last, but not least, please oppose "Must Carry" rules for satellite TV delivered services at this time. Cable TV industry had 30 years to grow without these bandwidth/capacity hogs. Please allow satellite to at least get off the ground before killing it with "Must Carry" regulations. Allow the market place to decide what channels will and will not be carried.

Thank You

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From: Kenneth Rutt <kenntel@mail2.nai.net>
To: A4.A4 (SSEGAL)
Date: 8/6/98 4:02pm
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Kenneth Rutt (kenntel@mail2.nai.net) writes:

Hello. Just wanted to express my worries about the possible loss of my network channels (primetime 24) that I receive from directv. I live in northeastern Ct. and have looked at the list of "grade-B" signals that I should be able to receive with an off-air antenna. I feel that the "grade-B" system needs to be revised. I have several neighbors that have antennas...and I would be very unhappy watching that kind of reception of channels that are supposedly at a grade-B signal level. I feel that a loss of the networks carried by Directv would force me to order basic cable if I wanted to still get the network channels. This seems to put Directv (and any DBS system) at an extreme disadvantage to compete with cable.
thank you
Kenneth Rutt

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From: James Chaisson <jayc1@earthlink.net>
To: A4.A4 (SSEGAL)
Date: 8/6/98 12:04am
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

James Chaisson (jayc1@earthlink.net) writes:

I am writing to you in hopes of garnering your support to allow local broadcast allowances for DBS satellite companies. I live in a community where a monopoly has been held by a cable company for the past dozen years. Rates kept increasing but with little return to the customer. DBS offers your community a respectable alternative to the monopolies of the cable companies. I don't believe that forcing DBS broadcasters to enact MUST CARRY broadcasts will improve this situation. Until DBS providers have the resources to support MUST CARRY any real competition to cable will be muted. Thank you for your time and support

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