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From: "JOHN R CUFF" <JOHN.R.CUFF@worldnet.att.net>  
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)  
Date: 7/20/98 7:37pm  
Subject: new rules on satellite feeds

I am very upset that on my satellite, that the only network stations are from LA. I do not live in LA or southern california. I do not care about either of these locations. I live and work in northern california. Most of my family is in either WA state or OR state or in Sonoma County California. One of the reason I chose my current satellite provider is that they provided stations in both San Francisco and Seattle. If your new rules are to help local cable systems. This is a mistake, since in most of Sonoma county they will not service. The only way I can get local news is from the newspaper or over the Internet. Which does not give me breaking news. Again I am very upset with the current conditions of my satellite service so much that I called this morning to cancel.

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From: "Mark McWhorter" <3m3m@ewa.net>  
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)  
Date: 7/20/98 9:57pm  
Subject: digital satellite television

Dear Sir,

I am a subscriber to the dish network digital satellite television. I have been receiving KOMO TV, Channel 4, from Seattle, on the west coast network.

As of today, I can no longer receive it, and it has been replaced by a channel from Los Angeles.

I called the dish network customer service to ask about the change, and see if I could get KOMO back. They stated that KOMO has been dropped due to FCC regulations.

I need a Seattle station, as I use it all the time for timely and up to date weather information, especially in the winter and spring. I am in the agriculture business in eastern Washington, and there are no good tv weather stations available that give me the kind of up to date information that I use in my business.

I want to know why the FCC required the dish network to drop the KOMO station. I also want to know the law that allows you to censor broadcast communications in this nation, and dictate what will be allowed to be seen.

I would like a full text copy of the law, and a full text copy of the law that allows you to make such a requirement, without congressional review and passage, with the presidents signature.

Only the congress and the president are granted power to make law in the constitution. I see no constitutional provision for censorship of communication in this country.

Please e-mail me this information.

Thank you,  
Mark McWhorter

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From: Gary Stone <rollinstone@earthlink.net>  
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)  
Date: 7/21/98 1:37pm  
Subject: DISH Network

We subscribe to DISH Network. We paid an additional charge for West Coast Programming which included network programming and a local channel (ABC/KOMO TV 4, Seattle, WA) for local news, weather and sports. Last night that channel was replaced with a Los Angeles channel. Now we have access to three LA channels and a New York Fox channel. This is not what we paid for. There was no advance notification of the programming change.

DISH Network reps advise us that the FCC forced them to change the programming, but they could give us no reason why.

Why?

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From: Timothy Buhl <tcbl@zeus.odyssey.net>  
To: A4.A4 (PSD)  
Date: 7/21/98 1:24pm  
Subject: Direct Broadcasting Satellite TV - West Coast Feeds

-- Dear Sir/Madam:

Last evening I learned that my DBS carrier (EchoStar - Dish Network) could no longer carry the standard east and west coast feeds that had been delivered to my home and paid for on an annual basis. This was apparently done because of some litigation involving the programming packager and a directive from the FCC; we now have very standard New York stations for the east coast and Los Angeles stations for the west coast feeds. Part of what we enjoyed with the variety of stations originally provided was the different perspective on national issues from various parts of the country. By watering the choices down to only two cities (NY and LA), we are now missing that perspective. Plus, both of these are high crime cities, and most all the local news is about violent crime instead of news features that were available on the other stations. Please correct this decision and give us back our original programming.

Thanks.

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From: "tpsshell" <tpsshell@email.msn.com>  
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)  
Date: 7/20/98 10:08pm  
Subject: ?

We live in Olympia, Wa and receive our TV via the DISH network. We pay for a western states package that included KOMO tv as our local station. Imagine our surprise today, when without any prior notification, another L.A. station was on. When we called the DISH network they gave us the FCC address and told us to notify our congressman. We are upset and would like to know what is going on? I realize Washington state is not important to everyone, but we live here and would like access to our local news. Please let us know why this was done!! Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Schell tpsshell@msn.com

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From: Clayton Sherwood <claysh@primus.com>  
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)  
Date: 7/21/98 3:26pm  
Subject: Local Satellite transmissions

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I recently discovered that a decision was made to keep satellite operators from transmitting local broadcasting and to give cable operators the equivalent to a monopoly.

I live in a rural area outside of Seattle, and do not have access to Cable. This decision affects me in several ways. First I now have no access to local news or programming. I cannot get local weather reports, sports reports etc. Second, last year I spent \$800+ getting my satellite dish installed so I could get these resources, and now you have made that purchase a complete waste.

In addition to these issues, when I was in an area serviced by Cable, I was often very unhappy with the programming, and everytime the wind blew our cable went out. Since purchasing a satellite dish (the Dish network) I have been extremely satisfied with the level of service. Now it appears that you have eliminated my right to have a choice of service providers, so how does this act benefit consumers? It limits choice, raises the cost to us etc.

Thank you for reading through this, and please if possible let me know if there are any plans to address those of us who have no cable option.

Thank you  
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From: Christine Hulley <CHulley@ShareData.com>  
To: "fccinfo@fcc.gov" <fccinfo@fcc.gov>  
Date: 7/21/98 3:34pm  
Subject: Satellite Dish and East Coast/West Coast Feeds

My husband and I live in Hollister California. Hollister probably has more satellite dishes than I have ever seen in any community before because we do not have the ability to receive any channels without the use of either Cable or Satellite dish. The cable company we have in town (Falcon Cable) is truly horrible and, thus, my husband and I opted to get Dish Network and buy a satellite dish. We included the East and West Coast feeds because of the lack of reception we have. The problem is severe and even with a TV antenna on top of the house, you can't get decent reception of even local stations. Our West Coast feed used to include KPIX broadcasting from San Francisco. This is our local news. Unfortunately, on Monday, July 20, we noticed that KPIX was no longer available and we were getting a broadcast from Los Angeles instead!

I called Dish Network and was told that the FCC will no longer allow them to pick up the KPIX signal from San Francisco but MUST pick up the signal from Los Angeles. This is really quite useless to us. What is happening in Los Angeles has little or no impact on what is going to be affecting our lives on a day-to-day basis. Our only other option to get this information is through the local cable company because we CANNOT get a strong enough signal with an antenna. We cannot afford both cable and a satellite dish. This seems to take away an integral part of our lives and our ability to find out what is happening locally.

I was also informed that the FCC considers Hollister to be a place where reception is good enough to receive "something" so that we are not allowed to purchase the East and West Coast feeds from our satellite network operator any longer. Reception is a MAJOR problem in Hollister and people have little choice but to subscribe to cable or get a satellite dish. Now, we don't even have the option of getting any kind of local news through our satellite dish and thus are forced to subscribe to cable or do without. This seems to me to be restricting fair trade and competition as opposed to promoting it.

I looked throughout the web site and did not find anything relating directly to this matter, but would really appreciate a response.

Sincerely,  
Christine Hulley

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