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Subject: Satellite TV

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Dear Ms. Ness

I do not know who I should be writing but I have already written my congressmen and Senators here in Alaska about this new injunction stopping some if not all of us satellite owners from receiving network stations from our dish. When this ruling was put into effect not enough

concern has been given to the people who cannot receive decent television signals from the

local networks. I live in Alaska. On the outskirts of Fairbanks and due to the hills and weak output from the tv stations I cannot receive decent signals. I first purchased my dish in 1991

and the main reason was because I could not get decent local service.

All we had back then was channel 2 (which showed both abc and cbs tv programs) Now we have seperate abc and

cbs stations along with the fox station but the signals are two weak to get clearly. I have been trying to get a waiver from all the stations

but have had no success yet. The fox station kxfx channel 7 and the cbs station kxd channel 13 are ran by the same company. They told me two

weeks ago that this was new to them and that they don't know how they are going to handle

it yet but for me to hold on and they will let me know. So I have to do without decent tv until they decide. I am really confused as about what the problem is. I have subscribed to the

Denver 5 channels via Satellite since 1991 and I don't run to Denver to buy whatever the

commercial is showing. Its funny that they are using zipcodes to determine who can and who cannot get the programming. My zipcode is at

my po box and I don't have a tv there. I finally gave the carrier my home zip code and was still told I could not subscribe to the service.

I also gave them the zip code to Chitna Alaska where I know they don't get local tv stations

and was told this was also not eligible. Please help me or direct me in the right direction.

Thank you

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From: Doug Dufour <dc@netdoor.com>
To: A7.A7(NETMSG)
Date: 8/31/98 6:55pm
Subject: Comments to Commissioner Ness

Doug Dufour (dc@netdoor.com) writes:

Dear Madam;

I am sure you and your office receive many e-mails from the public each day expressing their concern and dismay over the ruling concerning network television brocasting. Here is yet another.

Currently I live in a area that offers one local NBC affiliate station by antenna. Cable TV is not in my area yet. I purchased a Direct TV system and services almost a year ago where I received all networks, ABC, CBS, NBC, and Fox. I have paid for these services and was very happy with them. If I wanted to view my local station I would switch to my antenna and receive it that way. (A bit fuzzy but so is the programing). While I was on vacation I let my bill from Direct TV run past due by mistake. I called them and sent them my payment and they restored my service. All but the network stations. They said I would have to reapply and wait 2 weeks for approval. This I did, under protest, and I am still waiting after my 4 week of having no network service. I am getting very upset by now.

Now I am sure that when I left for vacation I was living in the USA and I thought that I would return to the same place of freedom that I left. But now I find that no matter what I want to watch on my TV and from where I receive it you agency will tell me where I can spend my money to get and watch what I want. Sir, the FCC has taken away my right as an AMERICAN to watch what I want in my own home! Now if Direct TV has the right to broadcast the network's signals why must I get approval from you or anyone else to receive them? It is my choice to use either cable TV, local antenna broadcast, or satillite service. In any case I would, and have, picked Direct TV for all of my home TV viewing. If either can not compete with the other then I suggest you let the free enterprise system that we once enjoyed in this country take its course.

In any case I want my Network Services from Direct TV back!! Its my right and I'll never stop trying to reclaim it! This letter and many more like it will be sent to all of my government representitives this week. I await your response.

Sincerely,

Doug Dufour
Hattiesburg, MS

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