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**From:** Troy Lynn Garrett <troylg@iname.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(NETMSGs)  
**Date:** 9/3/98 12:26am  
**Subject:** Comments to Commissioner Ness

Troy Lynn Garrett (troylg@iname.com) writes:

I live in an area that makes it impossible to get local channels with an antenna or even a booster. Not to mention the fact that there rules governing where I live state that no outside air antennas are allowed. We need the ability to receive these local broadcast stations via are satellite system, which they offer in this area. With the current rules we may not have this ability for long. We need change and soon. Cable companies can provide these channels why can't the satelite companies?

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**From:** Brian D. Millan <brian.millan@usa.net>  
**To:** A7.A7(NETMSGs)  
**Date:** 9/3/98 1:05am  
**Subject:** Comments to Commissioner Ness

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Brian D. Millan (brian.millan@usa.net) writes:

I am writing as a concerned consumer of DBS television services through Echostar Communications/Dish Network.

A recent court ruling in Florida is threatening my ability to receive my local TV stations via the Dish Network system.

I would like to point out that I live in an urban area, Brooklyn, NY to be exact and my ability to receive acceptable over the air broadcast signals is severely hindered by multi-path reception from the numerous tall skyscrapers in Manhattan.

Even with a roof top antenna, the picture quality is very poor on most channels.

Please establish a viewing standard that will ensure that all families who cannot receive an acceptable network picture using an conventional outdoor rooftop antenna can receive network programming via satellite. In addition, stop this unfair court order until the new standard is in place.

I believe that I live in an area that the court defines as "predictive Grade B" and I cannot get a decent picture by using a conventional outdoor rooftop antenna, because my reception is blocked by tall buildings.

I am well aware of the fact that the Grade B contour was never intended to be used to determine whether or not a consumer can receive an acceptable picture. It was originally intended as a rough calculation to prevent broadcast signals from interfering with one another.

Please define "Grade B" for the purposes of protecting the right of every U.S. consumer to receive high-quality network service

Please grant the Petition for Declaratory Ruling and/or Rulemaking of EchoStar Communications Corporation Before the Federal Communications Commission filed August 18, 1998.

Thank you.

Brian D. Millan -- Amateur Call -- W2BDM  
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**From:** Reynor Jones <reynor@oasionline.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(NETMSGs)  
**Date:** 9/3/98 1:52am  
**Subject:** Comments to Commissioner Ness

Reynor Jones (reynor@oasionline.com) writes:

I am writing because I am a dish network customer and cannot receive local tv feeds. The only way I receive these feeds is through those cheap tv antennas. I have bought about 6 of them and it is not completing the job. Dish Network(A Satellite Carrier, similar to Primestar is trying to pass the FCC rules). Unfortunately a Dish Network told me to write to you for input on changing this situation. Thank-You for your time and cooperation. Please e-mail me at reynor@oasionline.com or call (804)758-2567. Thank-You so much. I am sorry, forgot to tell you my address which is Reynor Jones, 15584 George Washington Memorial Highway, Saluda, VA 23149.

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