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Date: 8/5/98 3:49pm  
Subject: Satellite TV

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. 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.

This is what I am told when I first visit your web page...but for some reason that is not the way it seems. Your agency seems to favor the cable companies. I ask my self why? Well, I can not answer this question because I don't work for the FCC. Why are 2 things offering the same service treated so differently? The only differences between cable a satellite tv is one cost twice as much and one has bad sound and video and the other has great sound and video. Say my neighbors have cable and pay 38.84 (THE PRICE FOR BASIC CABLE IN OUR TOWN) and get 70 channels, with 1/4 of them either pay-per-view (3.95) or shopping channels. When we have a satellite dish and only pay 19.99, and get 120 channels and only 2 of those are shopping channels. We also only pay 2.99 for pay-per-view, that is cheaper the going down to Blockbuster, and we get customer channels, for live chats with the CEO and other questions we may have with the DISH network (EchoStar Satellite Communications Company) But there is one other difference, they get our local channels as well as local news! Why could we not get our local channels if they can? The cable prices in our town keep going up and up and up. And ever since I've switched I keep getting phone calls and offers in the mail for me to come back, and I'll get discounts...but the Dish is still cheaper! But I have to have one of those rooftop antennas that went out when blue leisure suits to get my local channels...and it does not look good...not 1/2 as good as Satellite TV looks. Will you please respond to this message and answer that question that I and ever DISH network, DIRECTV, and USSB customer, and staff member keeps asking themselves, why are we treated so much differently?

Sincerely,

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Our Satelite Company Is DISH Network (EchoStar Satellite)  
The Cable Company in out state is Comcast

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