

Comcast claims that critics of its deal to acquire Time Warner Cable including Dish Network are incorrect in suggesting they would have too much market power to stifle competition in the pay TV industry (by depriving third party providers of access to programming - mainly by using their clout to pressure media companies to not make content available to competitors TV services) and in the Internet market because geographically Comcast and Time Warner Cable do not compete in any local markets. However, regulators need to look at the effect at the national level this merger would have.

This merger has serious harms to the consumer. It reduces competition within the cable TV industry (if looking at cable TV in itself an already concentrated market) significantly allowing the biggest and second biggest cable company in the country which both have poor customer service to merge into one company. For the broader pay TV industry and the online video market it also has severe repercussions. Whatever regulators ultimately decide (and I can't believe this merger is even still being considered - it should be easy just say NO) this merger needs to be examined with a nationwide impact taken into consideration. That also applies for the AT&T DirecTV merger.