

Dear FCC,

I would to express my thoughts on M.B. Docket 15-43 (The Satellite Television Extension Localism Act Reauthorization report on Designated Market Areas section 109). I'm glad you did something for those living in 'Orphan Counties' (i.e. The viewers who lived in DMAs that are out of state and denied to get in-state news, weather, sports, and other programming) I'll give you a few examples. 1.)Stephens County, GA which is part of the Greenville/Spartanburg, SC DMA, unfortunately the Greenville/Spartanburg TV stations don't tell much Georgia news and politics, they tell mostly South Carolina and North Carolina news. Also, they're denied to get in-state PBS from Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB), instead they have to rely on South Carolina ETV or UNC-TV for shows like SESAME STREET and DOWNTON ABBEY. 2.)Randolph County, AL which is part of the Atlanta, GA DMA, and they don't tell Alabama news, instead mostly Georgia News. 3.)Fulton County, PA which is part of the Washington, DC DMA which they are denied to get in-state news programming from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. 4.)La Plata County, CO which is part of the Alburquerque, NM DMA. As a result they're denied to get Colorado news, weather and sports.

Localism is imporant to your entire state and county/town you live in. Here in Greenwood, South Carolina (which is part of Greenville/Spartanburg, SC DMA) besides getting my in market locals with an outdoor antenna, I get three adjacent markets over the air from Augusta, GA, Charlotte, NC, and Columbia, SC. The latter is in my state. Of course we live in a moderate to bad reception area. I would like to watch out-of-market in-state locals from Columbia, SC and Charleston, SC DMAs one day. What I like about the STELAR bill, the FCC would allow us to be in more than one DMA which would provide more choices and more options that is local, regional, and national.

I do watch the newscasts from Charleston, SC television stations on their websites, but it's not the same as you watch it on TV (they don't include real commercials or network/syndicated programming). The only Significantly Viewed out-of-market TV station in my county according to the FCC is the Augusta, GA ABC affiliate (WJBF Channel 6). We should also include online access to broadcast programming (in real-time and in its entirety). My county borders two adjacent DMAs as well. I want to know what's happening in the state of South Carolina especially news, weather, and sports in the entire state by those out-of-market in-state television stations besides Greenville/Spartanburg, SC DMA like Columbia, SC DMA (WIS 10, WLTX 19, WOLO 25, WRLK 35, WZRB 47, WACH 57, and WKTC 63) and Charleston, SC DMA (WCBD 2 and 2.2, WCSC 5, WITV 7, WTAT 24, and WCIV 36.1 and 36.2 which the latter was formerly on channel 4 over the air). We subscribe to DIRECTV since January 2009. We should include commercials from local businesses from Columbia, SC and Charleston, SC DMAs as well. Plus the exclusivity rules (i.e. Network Non-Duplication and Syndicated Exclusivity) are a thing of the past, and needs to be eliminated too. I think DBS carriers should be required to carry out-of-market in-state broadcast stations and PBS as well.

Here in the Greenville/Spartanburg, SC DMA our NBC station (WYFF channel 4) doesn't carry the fourth hour of NBC's TODAY SHOW which is hosted by Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb because they broadcast LIVE! WITH KELLY AND MICHAEL at 9am and delay THE TODAY SHOW's 3rd hour one hour later. We need more choices and need to break the barriers. I wanted to watch in-state out-of-market Columbia, SC

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and Charleston, SC local channels on DIRECTV besides my home market of Greenville/Spartanburg, SC. Unfortunately, federal law won't let us and the law needs to be changed. The Nielsen's Designated Market Area (DMA) system is also broken as well. I would like to watch in-state out-of-market locals in real-time in its entirety and with network and syndicated programming. I wish the exclusivity rules were eliminated just like the sports blackout rules last Fall.

I do support M.B. Docket 15-43. I would like the Columbia, SC and Charleston, SC TV stations to petition on my behalf and the FCC would approve this request. As I say earlier Localism is important to your entire state and county/town you live in.

Thank you for your time to express my concerns.

Sincerely,

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