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As a consumer I have been able to use the competitive relationship between AT&T and Direct TV to negotiate lower rates for my television service. I should add that AT&T staff has already tried to convince me that they already own Direct TV to discourage me during my negotiations with them from switching back from AT&T to Direct TV! If the takeover of Direct TV by AT&T is allowed it will be yet another huge blow to consumers.