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Re: Satellite Delivered Network Program

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing in regard to the February 28, 1999, ineligibility to receive satellite delivery of network television. Our home is located in the woods. We are one (1) mile off of the main road, with hills on all sides of us and surrounded by trees. To the cost of over \$300.00, we installed an antenna, put it on a mast 40 feet in the air, and we still can not receive any local stations. Our closest station is an NBC station located approximately 25 miles from us. We can't even receive it. The CBS and ABC stations are 100 miles away, believe me, we can't receive them. No one would like it any better than us to be able to receive local television channels. Then we would be able to get the news, weather, etc.

When we built our home we contacted the local cable company. They will not install cable to our home unless we pay over \$3,000.00 for them to run the line. Then we have to pay monthly cable fees for the stations we would receive, but they would not even guarantee us that they would run the line to our home. It would involve going underground or installing poles. They don't want to do that.

Why should we be punished for something that is beyond our control? If the FCC insists on making us ineligible to receive the satellite delivery of network television, then they should have to furnish us with the networks that they will be taking away from us.

Please, don't make us ineligible to receive the network television that we are willing to pay to receive.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Donald R. & Patricia A. Hoffman

Donald R. and Patricia A. Hoffman
382 Otterbein Road
Stoystown, PA 15563

cc: Prime Time 24

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Robert & Roberta
Shipman.

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We can not receive an acceptable
picture from our local network
stations. We live in valley
between hills. We had to have
a satellite dish.

Roberta Shipman
Robert Shipman

Robert SHIPMAN
1204 ELLIS Creek Rd
Waverly, N.Y. 14892

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to correspond with your organization regarding a bill to limit reception of FOX and CBS to local stations only.

My address is 8702 Ault Lane, Morrison, CO and because we live in the foothills (aprox 35 miles S.W. of downtown Denver), in a valley, we cannot receive the local signals.

I firmly believe that when a consumer cannot receive a quality picture through an antenna, I should be allowed to purchase that signal from a satellite provider. I also believe that there should be as much competition available as possible so the consumer can have as many choices as possible.

I also believe that the eligibility for satellite reception should not be determined by a community concept. There are quite a few families that live on top of the mountains in our area that will receive a very clear signal and would be able to receive local stations. This however, will not affect my situation.

I also believe that the Federal Government should not forbid satellite reception to the people who wish to receive satellite reception even if they can receive a clear antenna signal. Should they not be able to spend their money the way they want to. (after contributing their share to the PAC's that is)

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours truly



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Hudson Ny 12076

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Dear Sir, Madam,

We have a satellite system and where we live it is very necessary. We live in a rural area of Schoharie County in NY state and we can not get a good picture except for a satellite which is why we invested the money in this system. We're surrounded by mountains and without this system we see nothing. I don't see why as consumers we cannot receive high quality programming.

If there were more competition in this field it would further help the consumer and probably promote better programming.

The networks should not be able to say who can have what. The subscriber should be able to get what they want. It's just another way to mess up our television reception and it should not happen.

We've come a long way from that little bitty first T.V. and one station so lets keep going forward not backwards.

It is beneficial to everyone to have

our own say in reception and be treated
fairly. We want good reception of ALL
Stations.

Thank You.

Sanford D. Doyle
Box 383

Hilboa N.Y. 12076

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Sir:

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In view of the recent rules that have been passed, on the use of satellite receivers. Our situation is this, we live only 25 miles from a transmission tower, there is a large mountain between us and the tower. We live at the bottom of a canyon. Five stations are available, of the five none of them will come in. Not only are they snowy, there is no picture there at all. Sometimes, depending on the wind currents the sound comes in. A mile and a half away, on top of the canyon the reception is fine, this does not help our viewing. We opted to purchase a satellite dish in order to watch network programming. Without it we have virtually no tv. As it is the closest local news we have is Seattle, and that is 250 miles away.

We'd therefore like to ask that a method of programming be implemented that allows everyone to have access to network programming.

Sincerely



Ron and Jeri Perrin
32105 W Knox Rd
Benton City, WA 99320
Ph. 509-588-4732

Dear Sirs:

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This is a letter in response to court rulings about satellite delivery of network television. We got a satellite because the only station we could pick up clear enough to see was Channel 5 out of Fort Smith. This is now CBS. Other channels you cannot see or if you could see, you couldn't understand. I think it is due to our location, because of ^{the} mountains. We live north of Clarksville & northeast of ^{in Arkansas} Ozarkson Highway 352. We can't get cable because they don't offer it here. Satellite is the only way we can watch T.V. Please implement a fair eligibility system so we can watch T.V. Please promote competition in the communication marketplace. We cannot get cable, because they don't offer it. Please oppose the television network's proposal to determine subscriber eligibility. ~~We~~ ^{We} are disabled & cannot work. ~~We~~ ^{We} like to watch T.V. There is not much to do. When you can't work.

Thank you

Linda James
Clark James
Arlene Handen

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Billy Earl Trent
 Route 1 Box 706
 Rose Hill, Virginia 24281
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Dear Federal Communications,

I had to retire because of bad health, I'm now on fixed income. Seems to me the satellite system is has been taken over by all these networks that are fighting to be top dog in the satellite field and get the rest of the poor mans monies. If I'm not mistaken the satellite was invented by a poor man and the FCC bought it and took over this system and are letting, Turner, Primetime, HBO, Netlink and many many different ones beat the poor and middle class out. I bought a satellite when this system first came to this Rose Hill, Va. arera the commercials paid for all the networks, shows, all movies and Etc.

If I was selling anything I'd be glad for a chance to Commercialize and pay the networks to advertize my product or product we would be getting free sat. systems. Now that the FCC has let this get out of hand just a few fat cats can control what we watch with an ~~and~~ ~~unbelievable~~ price which at first I paid for the sat system and got everything free. Unfair, unfair, discrimination. In these here hills where this is the only good reception we get in these hills. Go back to the commercials - and free sat. system no charge to us for sat. TV.

Sincerely,
 Billy Earl Trent
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I understand you will be writing a new rule regarding my opportunity to receive network television by satellite which I currently do. I cannot receive local TV signals in any clear fashion with an outdoor antenna. While some of my neighbors receive somewhat acceptable signals, we live on a 10 acre heavily wooded lot and we do not. Our pictures are very grainy with bad ghosts and herring bone patterns on some channels.

It irks me no end that the networks get the ^{public} airwaves free (after a license) yet they want to control those of us who still have to pay for their channels via satellite. The local stations that also use the public air waves free have no better case. We need to promote competition not deny us the opportunity to obtain the best signal we can even if we have to pay for it twice. Once by satellite and once more in the advertised commercial products.

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Sincerely,
David McLaughlin
2141 Bethel Church Rd, Forest VA 24551

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Dear Sirs

We understand you want to take away some of the programs we are paying to receive.

We wouldn't be able to receive any T.V. Where we live without are satellite dish. We live in a valley with mountains on 3 sides - the news we receive helps my husband on his job as the supervisor for Okanogan County Road Dept - Brewster Shop. We get weather reports for coming storms from Seattle and from Canada. Some of our storms come from Oregon but mainly from Seattle.

There is no cable out our way they have it in town but won't bring it out our way. Everyone on valley Rd has a dish or a small one. Even our radio is not very good because of the mountains -

Please reconsider

Sincerely

Mr & Mrs Stanley Sheets

71 Valley Rd

Brewster, Wash 98812

If you have ever been to Wash. State you know we have large mts.

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10912 N. Applegate Rd.
Grants Pass, OR 97527
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

As residents of the Applegate Valley near Grants Pass, Oregon, we do not receive TV reception locally, nor is cable TV an option for us due to our locale. Therefore, the only way in which we can obtain TV reception at all is to subscribe to satellite networks. It would be wonderful if we could, in fact, receive acceptable pictures from local TV stations for it would save a great deal of our money that now goes toward paying for subscription services.

Please implement a fair eligibility system that promotes full access to network programming. Since we do not receive a quality picture from the local network stations, we should be eligible for satellite delivered network programming, even at the additional cost.

Please oppose the television networks' proposal to determine subscriber eligibility. Under the networks' proposal, subscribers would not be eligible for satellite service even in those areas where only half the homes are predicted to get a signal from the local stations. This is unfair and would leave us without access to satellite network service.

I have written and received letters of waiver from the local CBS, NBC, and ABC stations. All agree that our physical location would prohibit over-the-air reception of a viewable "Grade B" signal.

In conclusion, I urge you not to terminate satellite network service.

Sincerely,

Jack and Cynthia Luce

JACK E. LUCE AND CYNTHIA K. LUCE

cc: PrimeTime 24

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Dear Sir: **FSS MAIL ROOM**

I have just found out the FCC wants to take my Satellite stations from ~~me~~ as the Government has already taken CBS ABC & NBC, now you decide you want Fox family stations.

In this free country it seems we the people are being dictated to about what, when, how and what we want doesn't matter. When my husband got sick we had one station



with an ~~antenna~~ antenna on our roof. Since at the time I was working I bought him a Satellite Dish, \$3,000.00. I am sure glad this didn't happen while he was living. Now since I am on a fixed

income and widowed I don't have a snowball's chance of enjoying the rest of my life. No Christmas parades, no Dan Ratha, no nothing. It stinks and I never wish people any bad luck only that they get back double what they do to us. God's Word says everything you do to others comes back multiplied to you. Bad or good.

You have my input and I won't and don't have money to put into another dish since I have the big one and pay for my satellites that I get. There is no cable to our home which cost more as would the small dish that they have out. It is all a monthly charge plus.

Thanks so much.
Edna Wood
RD # 4 Box 284D
Milton De

19968

P.S. one of my twelve Great-Grandchildren got this Tablet for me for Christmas but they didn't have any with Grandma. She is 7 yrs old.

I receive ABC most of the time, and
just sometimes, CBS never, Fox never.
I have been receiving Prime Time 24
10 years. But I still watch ABC like I did
when I can get it.

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE AWAY MY
NETWORK SHOWS. THANKS

FCC MAIL ROOM
 Mr. Raymond Daniels
3615 Highway 376 S.
Camden, AR 71701-8818

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To FCC

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That would be fine if it works for everyone - but in reality it won't! Because I live in a low area where reception is very poor. Antennas, boosters, & rotors have all been tried but to no avail. Regular ^{local} programming just does not come in ABC, CBS, & NBC all have to come out of places like Chicago, Denver, & Nashville rather than Kansas City. So to end satellite programming would limit me to radio-only.

Martha Johnson

Ayerst

Please see full prescribing information at end of pack.

Mitch Johnson
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Butler no
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Gentlemen,

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I live out in the country where cable isn't available. I have no way of receiving local stations unless I receive them from my Dish. That's why I purchased a dish years ago.

We should be able to have freedom of choice when it comes to being able to keep up with world news and happenings going on locally in the world today.

Please consider this problem wholeheartly. We really need to be able to communicate with what's going on in the world today. It controls our lives for the rest of our futures. We

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shouldn't be kept in the dark.

Thank you very much for your

concern.

Please give us this choice
of recreation and the chance
to KEEP UP WITH WORLD
HAPPENINGS LOCALLY.

Yours Truly

EDNA HAYTON

Edna M Layton
1274 Hemping Rd
Harrington, DE 19952-4110



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We cannot receive an acceptable picture from our local Network stations without satellite delivery of Network TV. We have many trees in our area; also hills and other obstructions. Please do not take our Network programming away. It would be unfair.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. + Mrs. James Clark

P.C. Fox and CBS are our favorite.

EXHIBIT LATE FILED 10886 US HWY 12
RANDLE, WA 98377
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DEAR SIR,

It is my understanding that you
are studying some rule changes in SATELLITE
T.V.

Please keep in mind that there
are some locations that the only TV and
radio we receive is by satellite. Our
problem here is the topography (mountains).
Also there is no cable

without satellite we receive NO
T.V and only two radio stations

We only ask that you be fair in
your assessment.

Thank you,

Rector A. Thompson

Rector A. Thompson
10886 US Highway 12
Randle, WA 98377-9101

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

I need to inform you that I cannot receive an acceptable signal from my local ABC station. Fox, NBC and CBS come in clear, and since the Fox and NBC signals come from the same area, I must assume the ABC signal is not strong enough.

I would hope that you implement a fair eligibility system that will allow me to have full access to network programming. If this programming cannot come from the local signal, then I should be allowed access through my satellite carrier.

I urge you to oppose the networks' proposal to determine subscriber eligibility. This is unfair and will leave me unable to watch ABC programming. The reception on this affiliate is very poor.

Sincerely,



Shirley S. Pyle
5098 Shore Acres Blvd. NE
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Chairman Kennard, Comm. Furutogall both
Comm. New Comm. Powell and Comm. Tristoni

This is about the ruling on
satellite service of CBS and Fox.

The only way I can receive them on
any of the networks is by satellite.

I live between two mountains
in a small valley. This cuts off the
signals from our local stations.

The best I can get is snow and
a little sound. Our neighbors can
get a little better signal, but
not much better. They are a
little more out in the open.

The local stations shouldn't
be able to say since our neighbors
get a little better signal, I should
I ~~still~~ live between these two
mountains.

I would love to get the local

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stations. I miss ~~the~~ ^{the} local news
and things that happen locally.
It would also be cheaper. I
pay to get the networks, it's
the only way I can get them.

There has to be a fair way
for people like me to get the
networks. I can't knock down
these mountains so the local
stations' signals can get through.

Please Help! Do something
for those of us who have
these problems. Don't punish us
for not being able to receive
our local stations weak signals.

Thank You

Brenda Wagon

15061 Sparta Rd

McLeary NC 28649

P.S. There is no cable here.

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Middleport, Ohio
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To Commissioners at FCC:

I am writing about the proposed rulemaking which could affect our household and our ability to watch satellite delivered network programming. We get very poor reception from our local TV programming. I think this is because we live between two tree covered hills and our home is located in a valley, so to speak. My husband and I are both in our 70's and have had our satellite for several years. We have been well satisfied with the picture via this satellite and prefer not to rely on cable or any other means. Our income is fixed and we just don't need another bill. My husband has had 3 mini strokes and does enjoy watching the nice clear pictures on satellite TV and most especially Prime Star 24 programs and information. We would like for you to promote competition in the communications field. Also we ask that you oppose the television networks' proposal to determine whether or not we are eligible. Once again our TV programming is so poor on local TV that we would miss out on so much of the world news and happenings in this the last year of this century.....and the millenium. Please give this plea your utmost attention.

Sincere Thanks,
Bill & Maxine Little

Bill Little

Maxine Little

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I am writing you because I am very concerned about your proposed rulemaking concerning my ability to receive network programming via satellite TV.

My home is located in a hollow which is surrounded by hills which severely affect my TV reception. I can not receive Fox network at all, and CBS has a poor picture quality from local networks.

Although the local cable company provides service to my neighbors less than 1/4 mile away, they tell me that there are no plans to extend it to the area of my home any time in the future. Therefore, satellite programming is my only option.

For this reason I am asking you to implement a fair eligibility system, which will allow me to continue to receive network programming via satellite programming.

I urge you to oppose the TV networks proposal to determine subscriber eligibility, for as I stated earlier, I have only one choice.

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Thank you,
Cathy L. Floyd

Cathy L. Floyd
2301 Price way
Sevierville, TN. 37876

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MICHAEL L. TWADDLE
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Dear Commissioners:

I am currently subscribing to and receiving satellite delivered network television. I subscribed to network delivery because I frequently receive an extremely poor picture from my local network stations. - I suspect the poor picture is due to weather conditions as some days the transmission is acceptable and others it is not.

I purchased my satellite system in order to avoid ever increasing cable fees and to subscribe to programming not available through my cable TV monopoly.

I request the Commission to implement a fair eligibility system that promotes full access to network programming. Additionally, I urge the Commission to promote competition in the communication market place. - It is unfair to have to rely on cable/a monopoly in order to receive a good network picture.

I respectfully request the Federal Communications Commission to oppose the television networks' proposal to determine subscriber eligibility.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Twaddle

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1505 W. PINE AVE
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM EXPRESSING MY CONCERN THAT I MAY BE FORCED TO SUBSCRIBE TO A SERVICE I DO NOT AND WILL NOT EVER SUBSCRIBE TO UNDER THE COURT DECISION CONCERNING CBS AND THE FOX NETWORKS.

I CANNOT RECEIVE AN ACCEPTABLE PICTURE SIGNAL FROM THE "LOCAL" NETWORK STATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- A. KCOY - LOCATED IN SANTA MARIA WHICH IS 25 MILES N.E. OF ME ON THE OTHER SIDE OF MOUNTAINS FROM ME.
- B. KSBY - LOCATED IN SAN LUIS OBISPO WHICH IS 60 MILES NORTH OF ME ON THE OTHER SIDE OF MOUNTAINS FROM ME.
- C. KEYT - LOCATED IN SANTA BARBARA WHICH IS 60 MILES S.E. OF ME ON THE OTHER SIDE OF MOUNTAINS FROM ME.

I ASK YOU, THE FCC TO CONSIDER A FAIR ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM THAT PROMOTES FULL ACCESS TO NETWORK PROGRAMMING. WHEN I CANNOT RECEIVE A QUALITY PICTURE SIGNAL FROM THE "LOCAL" NETWORK STATION I SHOULD

BE ELIGIBLE FOR SATELLITE NETWORK PROGRAMMING.

I URGE YOU, THE FCC TO PROMOTE COMPETITION IN THE COMMUNICATIONS MARKET PLACE. SINCE I CANNOT FAVORABLY RECEIVE A GOOD PICTURE SIGNAL I SHOULD BE ABLE TO CHOOSE SATELLITE PROGRAMMING AND NOT BE FORCED TO RELY ON CABLE.

I FINALLY URGE THE FCC TO OPPOSE THE NETWORKS' PROPOSAL TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF SUBSCRIBERS. THE NETWORKS PROPOSAL STATES SUBSCRIBERS WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR SATELLITE SERVICE IN AREAS WHERE ONLY HALF THE HOMES ARE PREDICTED TO GET A SIGNAL FROM THE "LOCAL" STATION SUPPOSEDLY SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE ACCEPTABLE RECEPTION. THIS IS UNFAIR. AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED THE FCC SHOULD BE THE DETERMINING PARTY IN THIS MATTER. I URGE YOU TO RULE ON THE SIDE OF SATELLITE PROGRAMMING.

SINCERELY

Charles A. Gallagher