

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

While I live in the city (Nampa, Idaho) and have both a cable modem and an off air antenna that gets pretty decent reception, no other members of my family do because they live out in the country. Off air reception of our local channels (2,4,6,7,9,12) ranges from unwatchable to grainy, and that is after I spent hour after hour aiming and boosting their antenna to try to make it work. They also have no internet options other than dialup, and with the quality of phone lines in rural Idaho, connection speeds are lousey. I support the merger simply because it makes sense, is fair, and will enable my family to have competitive internet access and clean local channels.

It's simply ridiculous to not make this merger happen as quickly as possible. I'm so tired of rural users being left out in the cold because they don't have the loudest voice and biggest wallet.

The business and economic benefits for rural users to be broadband enabled is reason enough to make this happen.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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