

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

All:

I am writing this letter in regards to the merger and concern about how this will MONOPOLISE the satellite industry where consumers will be greatly affected. Below is a recent event that happened with DishNetwork.

DishNetwork provides international programs on their system. Since there was not a large enough for two providers to show international programs, DirectTV never got in to this.

Dishnetwork is the only provider to show international program and hence they can charge, and decide to show what ever they want. There is no competition in this regard.

Recently there were some cricket matches that I wanted to buy on Pay per View. There was a tournament in England where England, India and Sri Lanka were playing each other. DishnetWork in the past have sold cricket matches as Pay per View, but this time they wanted me to buy the whole tournament as a package and pay \$199.00 plus taxes and charges for the entire series. About 10 of these games were during the week. I like many of the viewers I have a job. I did not want to pay for games that I cannot watch. But Dish wanted us to buy it regardless. This show what monopoly can do.

You can see where this will lead when DirectTV merges with DishNetwork. There will not be any competition and consumers as whole will have to pay more to watch their desired programming.

I ask you to take necessary actions as the representative of the public mass and not allow this merger to go through.

Sincerely,

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