

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Yesterday I wrote that local station KFOR had a problem with HD transmission. They have solved the problem and I feel it necessary to mention it below. It does point out the frustration of local HD problems and how important it is for us to have a strong united alternative that the merger of DISH and DirectTV will provide.

After sending an e-mail to KFOR's 'In Your Corner' consumer action reporter, the Vice President - Chief Engineer of KFOR called me and did not care for the tone of my e-mail. He assured me that they DID NOT down/up convert the HD image. I listened to his frustrations and I explained that many were upset over their image quality. He assured me they would be working on the problem. A few minutes later he called again and sounded more up-beat, They found problems and equipment engineers were being called. KFOR engineers worked through the day and evening and solved the problem due to previous equipment changes and upgrades.

I am thrilled to report that 'The Tonight Show' was shown Monday night in glorious and perfect 1080i HD. It had the full 'you are there' quality as seen on HDNet and Discovery HD Theater. All the non-HD programming and commercials looked better. The changes that KFOR have made in the past 5 days brought their HD quality up to the standard one would expect from NBC. They still don't have local HD cameras or ads, but that should change as the competition features local HD programming.

Look at the frustration that the consumer must put up with the local station. We do need an alternative to local and cable networks. Everyone wins when HD is in perfect 1080i. So please, SUPPORT THE MERGER OF DISH AND DIRECTV!

Sincerely,

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