

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Anyone who thinks consumers will be better off in the long term by eliminating competition in the satellite industry, has not been a consumer of cable or satellite TV in the past 20 years.

In the past 20 years I have been infuriated by the poor service and arrogant attitude of the cable companies. I have subscribed to Directv since 1997. I subscribed to satellite tv as a protest to cable. Since that time, I have also subscribed to DirecPC satellite internet. I no longer subscribe to DirecPC because they have developed the same attitude as the cable companies. DirectTV has also developed the cable company take-it-or-leave-it attitude toward customers.

I predict there will be no difference between the cable companies and the new satellite company if this merger takes place. Prices will rise and service will be degraded.

Most people will just tolerate the price increases and service degradation, but I won't.

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THIS MERGER

Sincerely,

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